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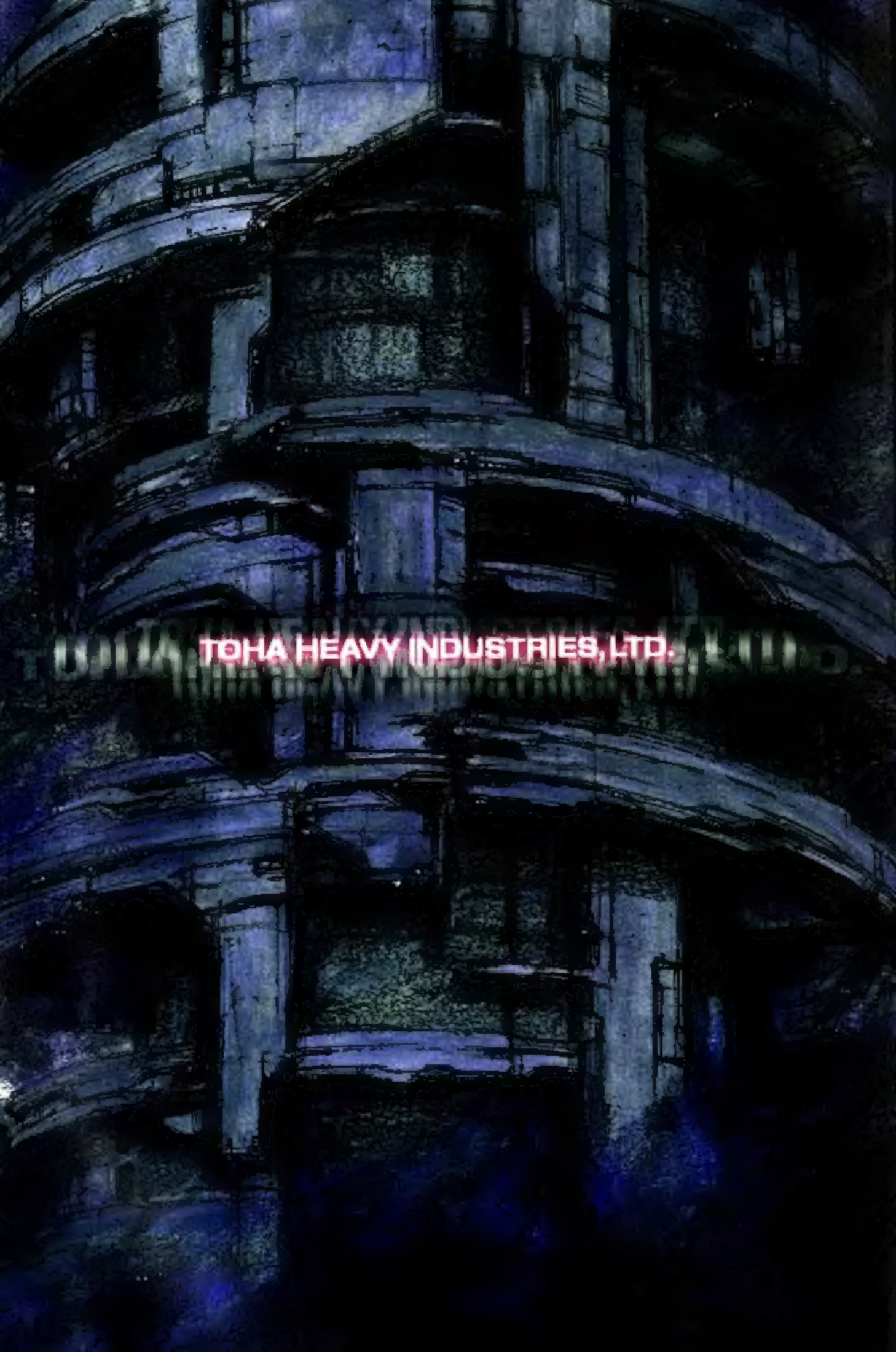
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KILLY

IVY&MAEVE

CIBO

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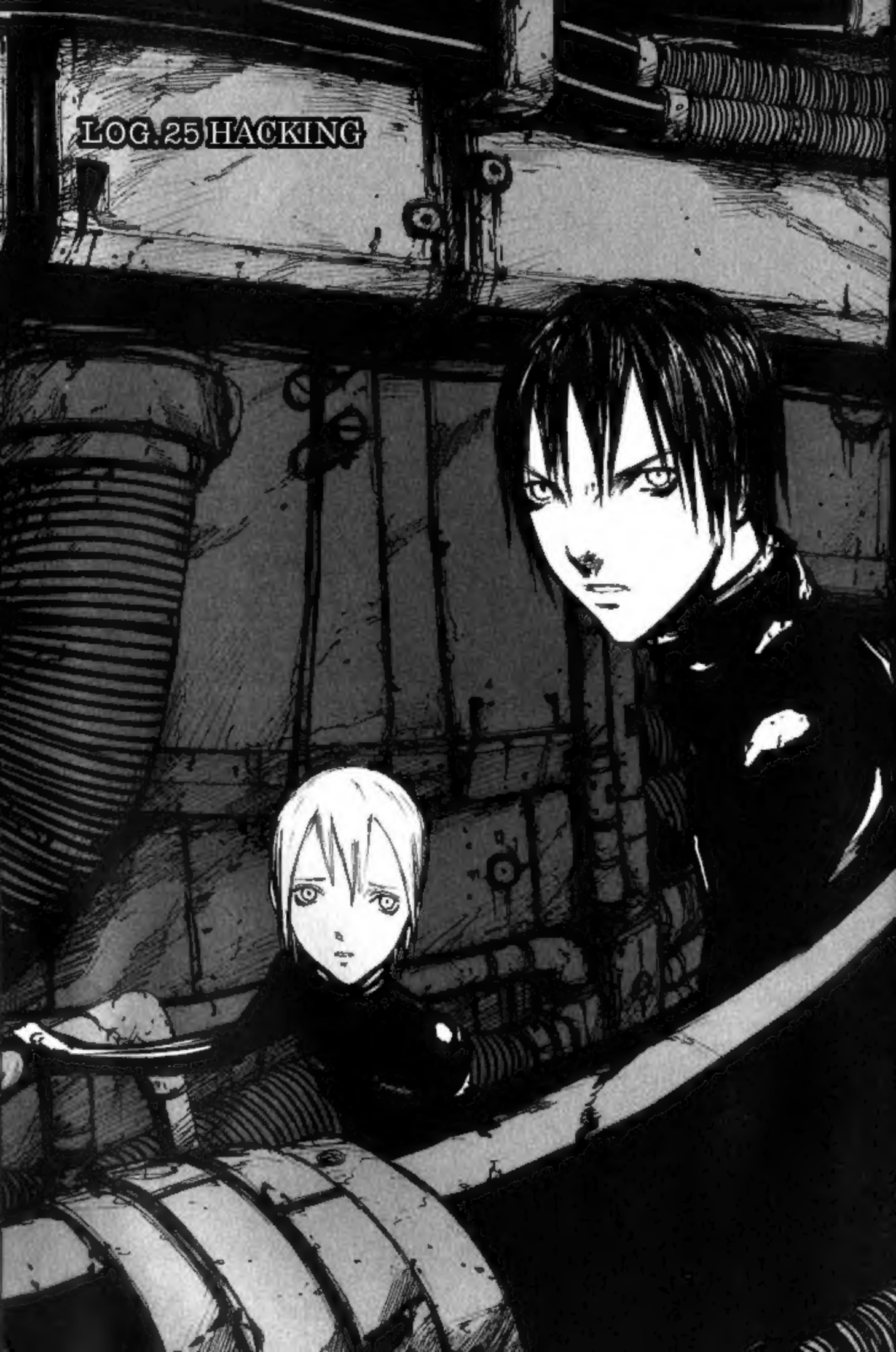
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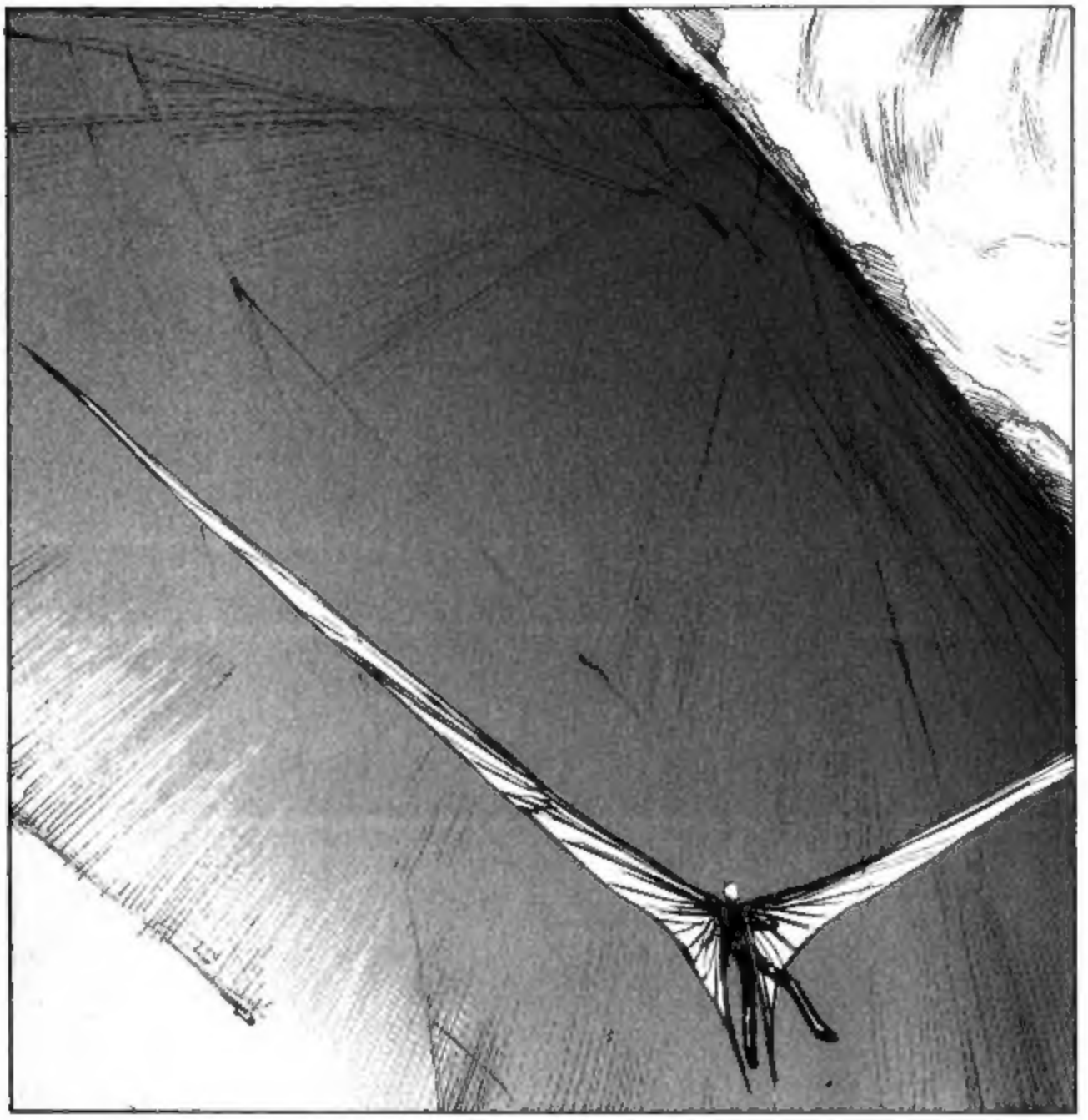

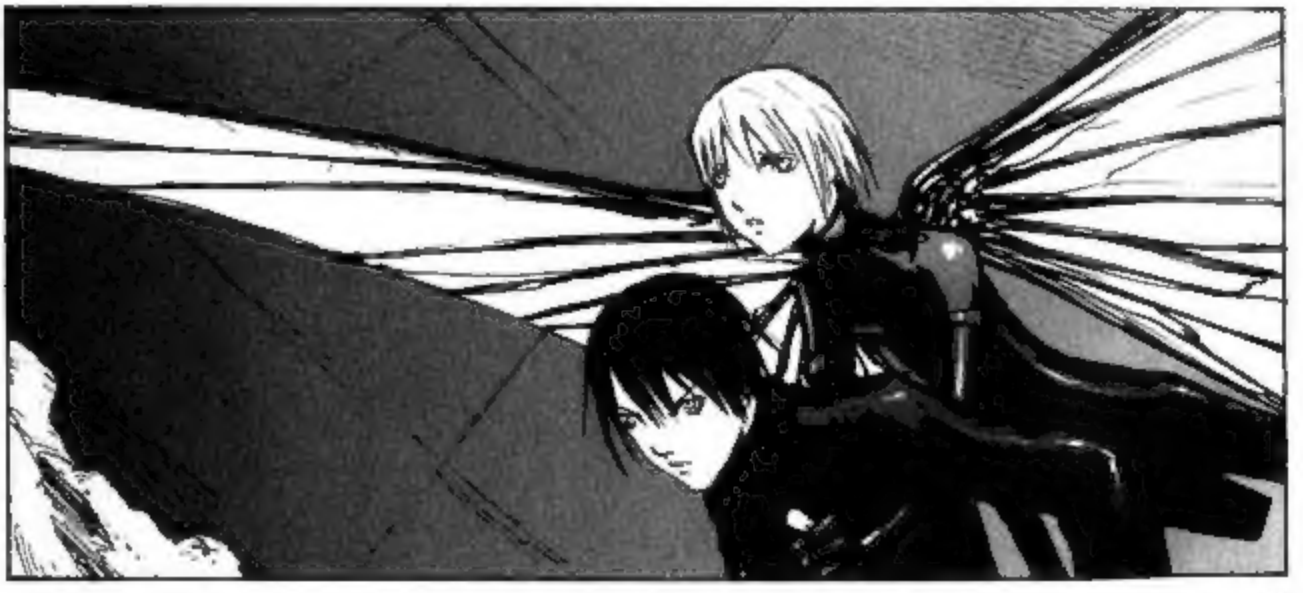

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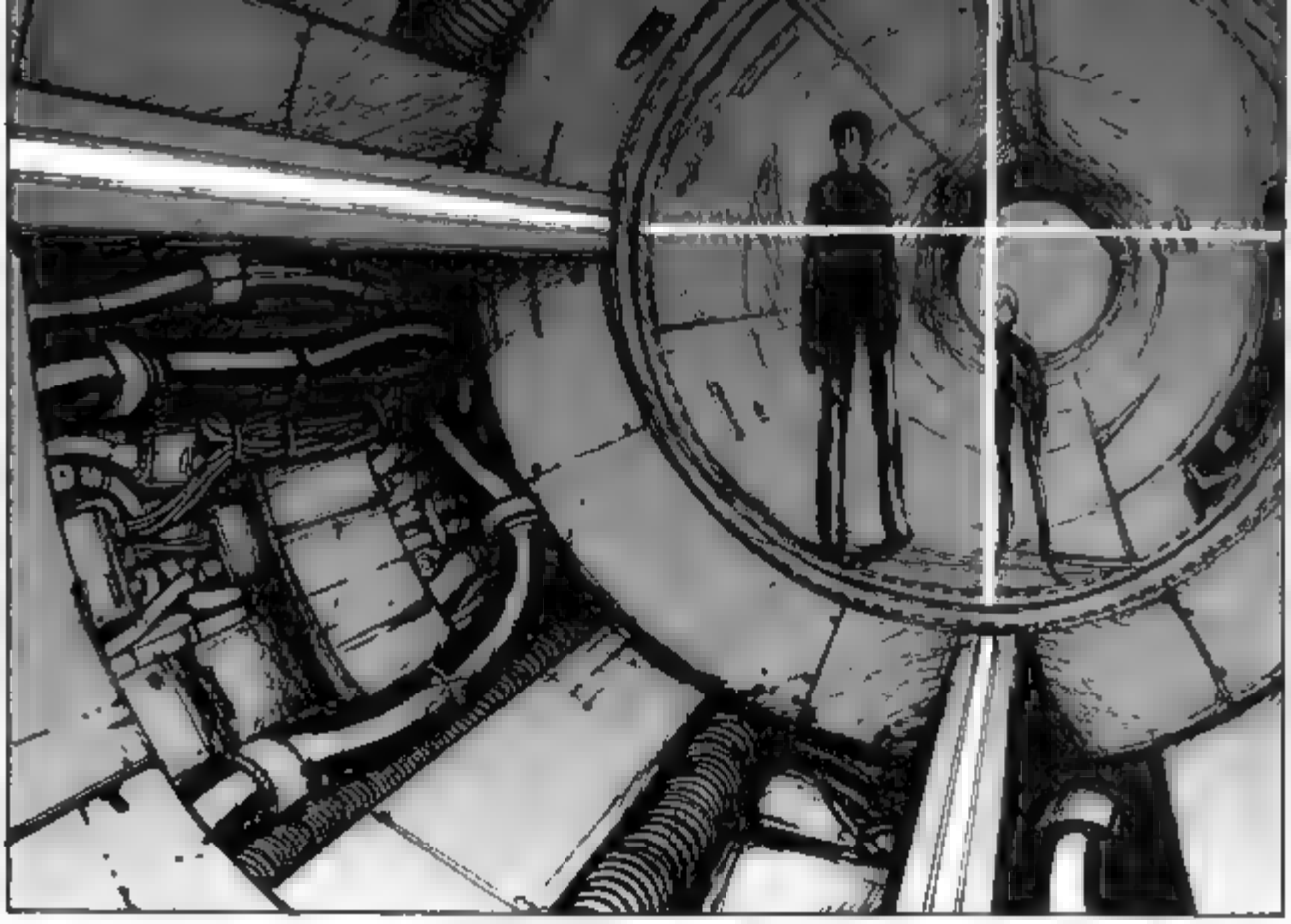
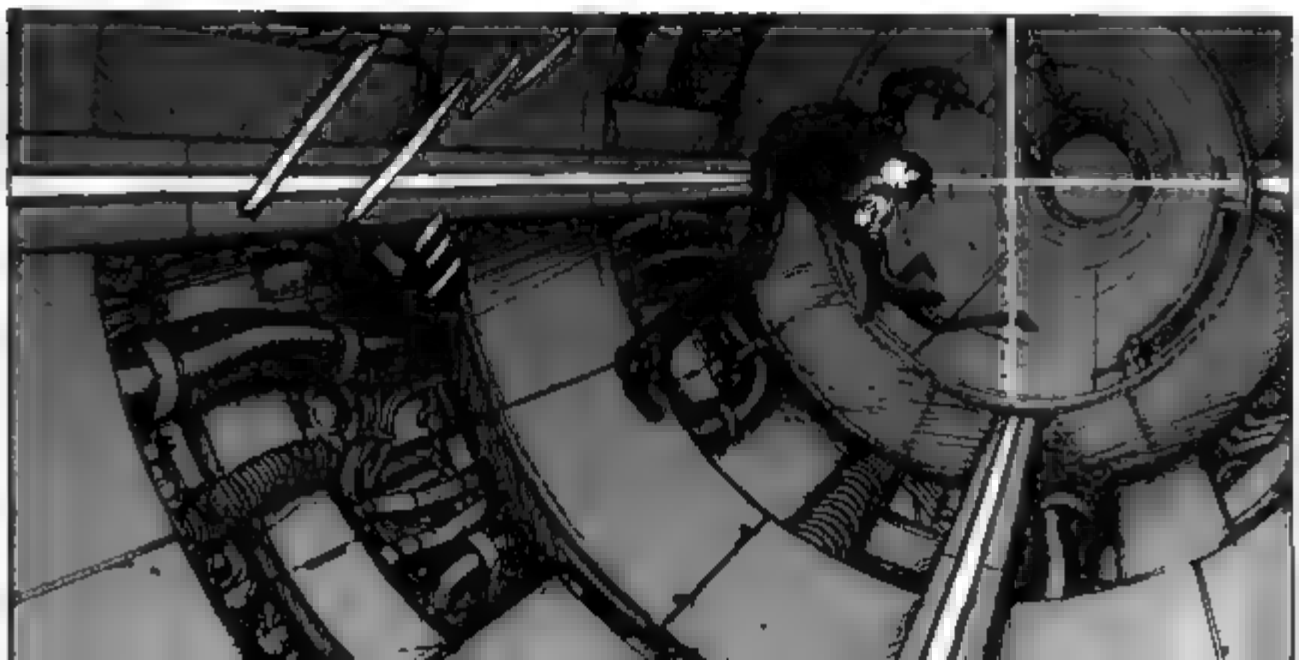
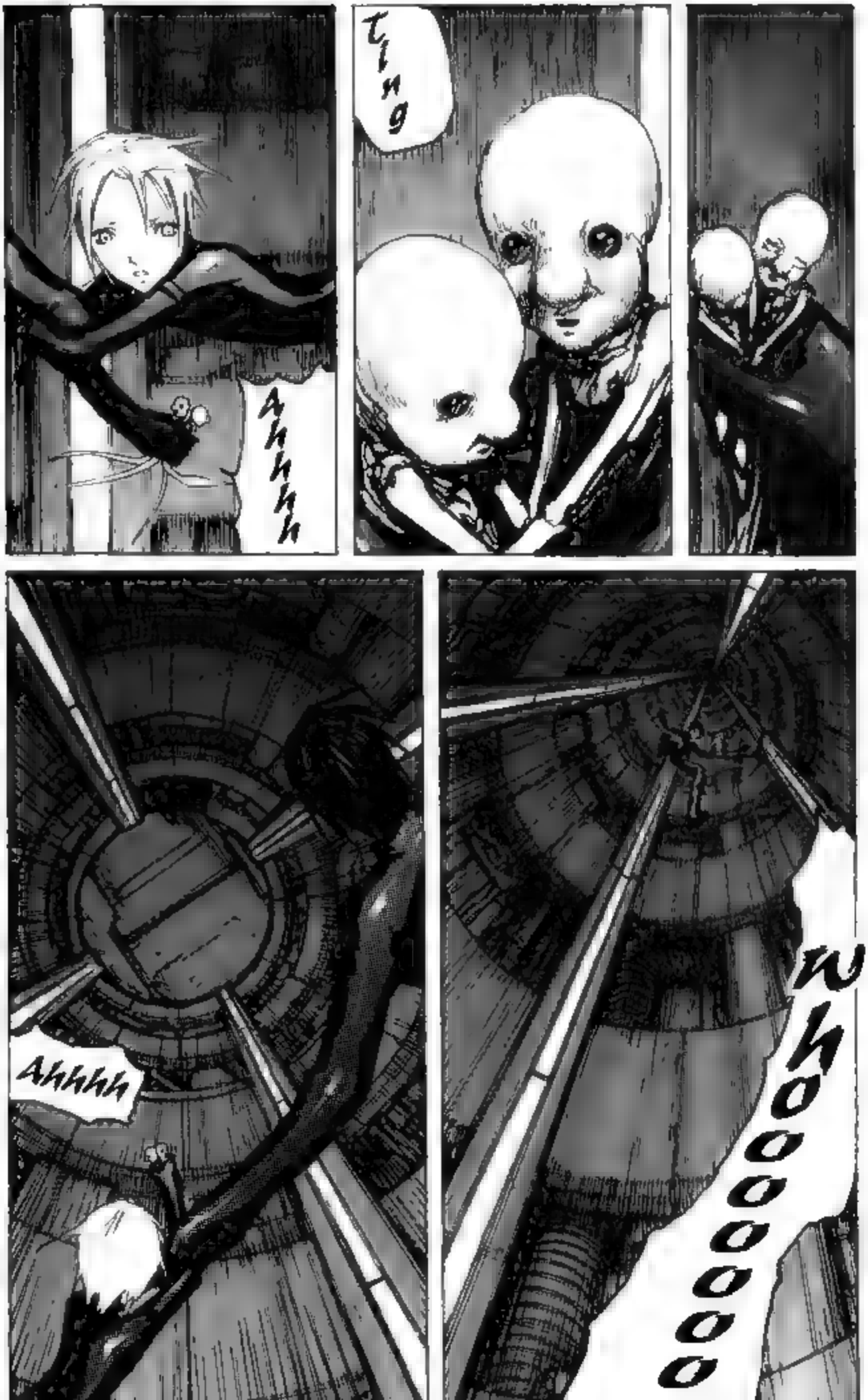


IT'S DANGEROUS, SO USE THE SIDES OF THE TUNNEL

THE ANGLE OF GRAVITY CHANGES BACK
FROM HERE ON OUT, MAKE SURE YOU'RE CAREFUL



KILLY, IT'S TOO NARROW!
I CAN'T OPEN MY WINGS IN HERE!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Ahhhh
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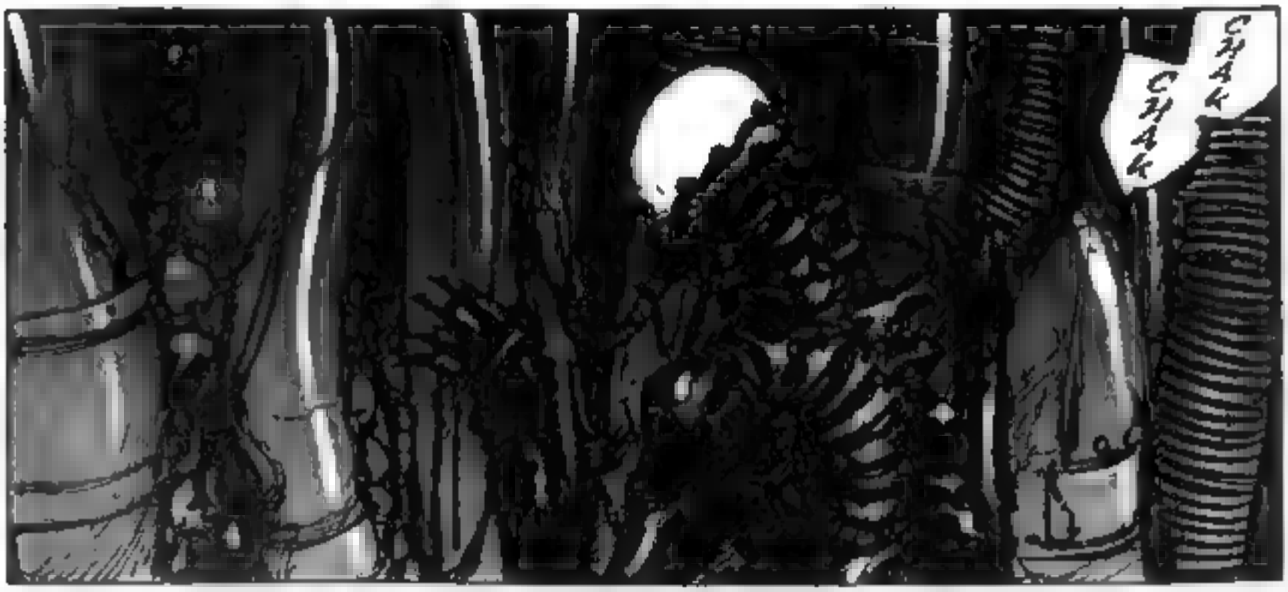
THANK GOODNESS... YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL.

CIBO . WHAT IS THIS? HOW DID WE GET HERE?

.....

WE LEFT CAVE 8?
WE COULD HAVE DIED!
WE WENT ALL THE WAY TO CAVE 9.
WAIT.. NO, WE'RE BACK IN CAVE 8.
WE'RE GOING TO MEET MENSAB.
CIBO
JUST LOOK AT YOURSELVES IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW. WE'RE BACK UNDER MENSAB'S MANAGEMENT.
CYBORG
SOMETHING'S HERE.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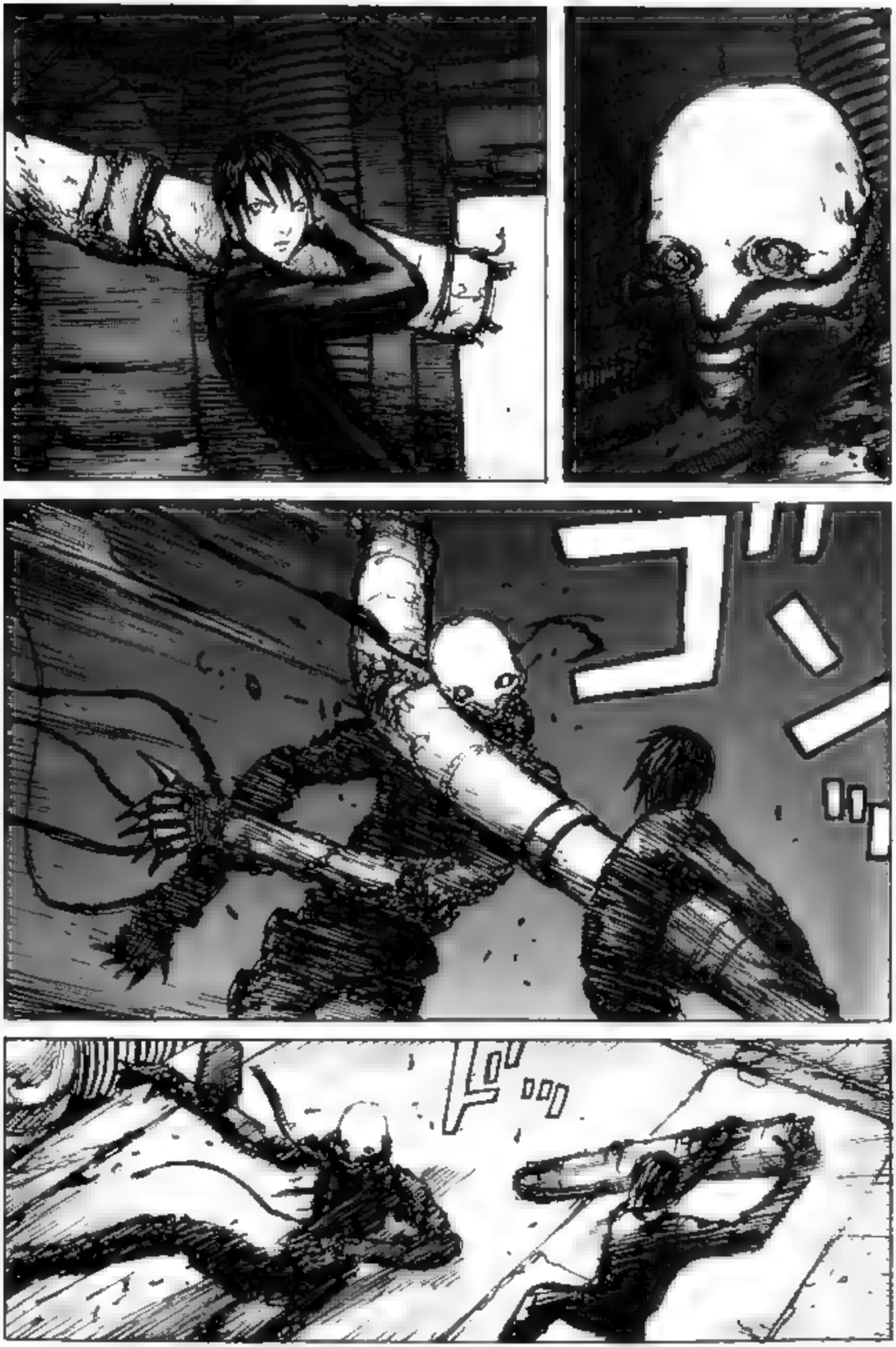
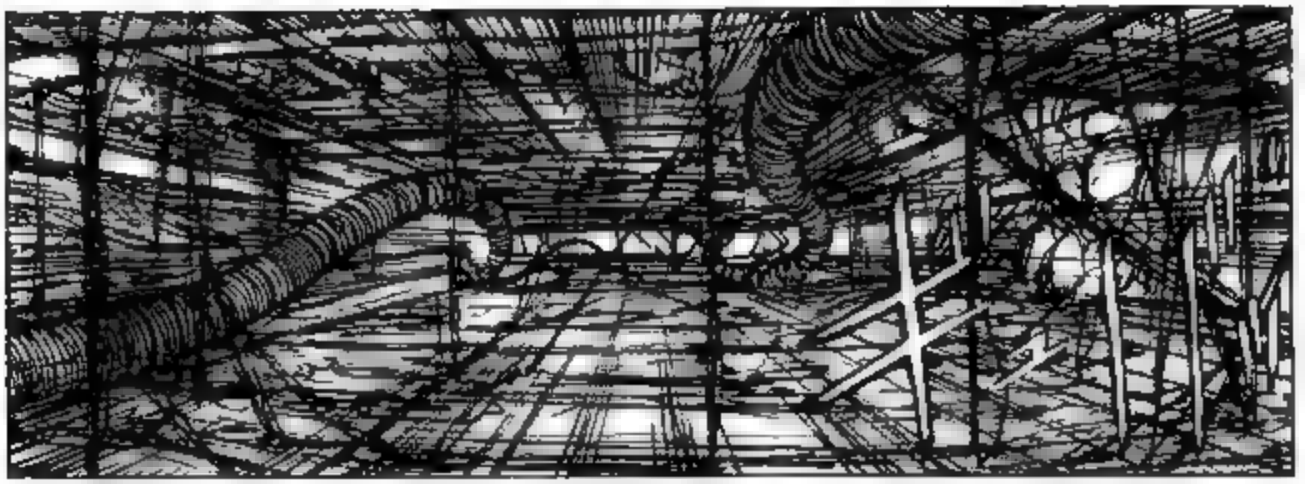
CHAK



Fshhhhhhhh
Zzt
Zzt

IT'S ALRIGHT. ITS BODY IS TOTALLY PARALYZED.
ZZRAK
I WANT TO SEE WHAT IT KNOWS.
I'LL TRY TO GET INTO ITS BRAIN.
Wank
IT'S A DIFFERENT TYPE, THOUGH, SO I'M NOT SURE IF ITS COMMAND FORMAT IS COM-PATIBLE.
ZZZZZZ



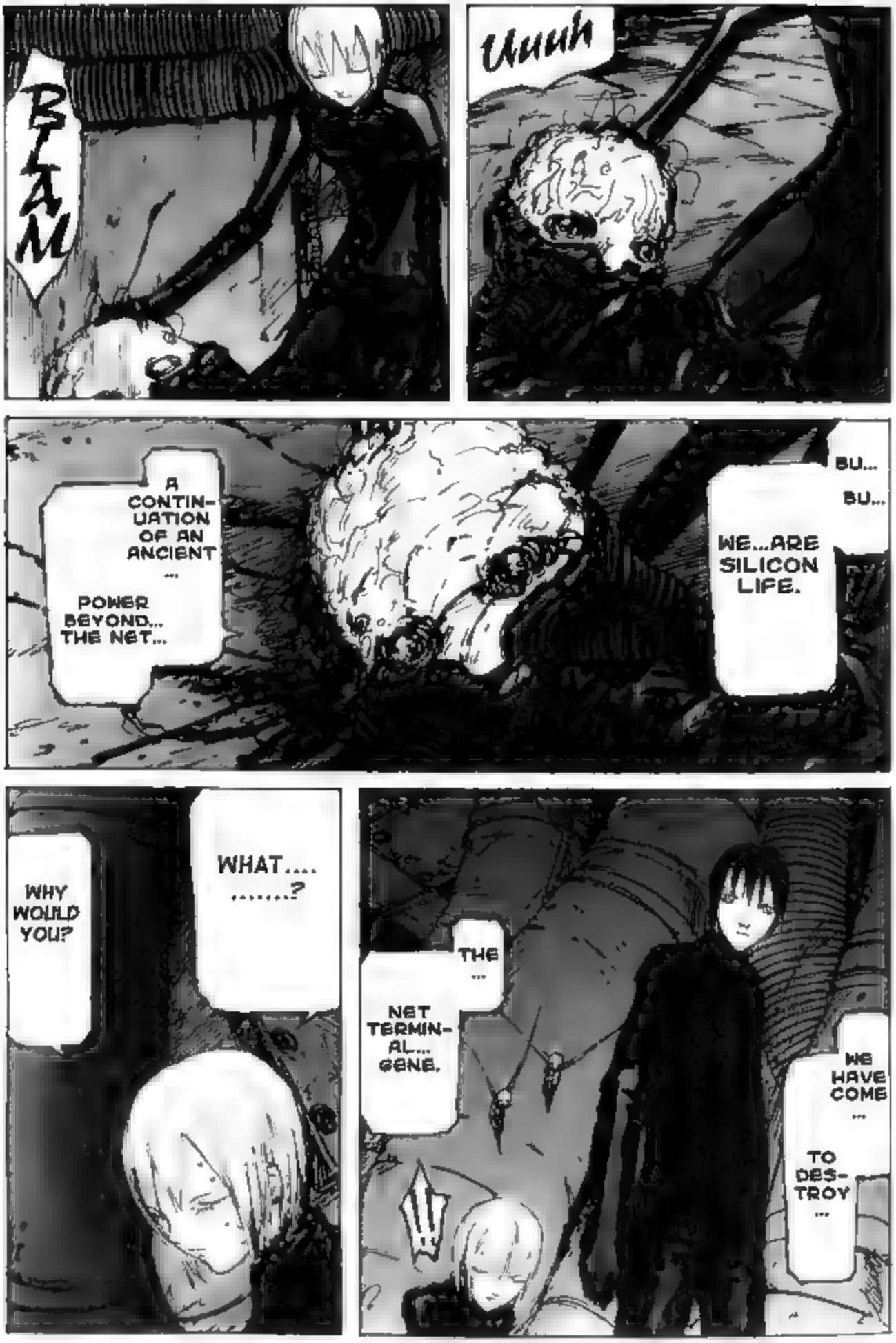
THIS BRAIN IS ALMOST LIKE A HUMAN'S.
THERE'S A SECONDARY BRAIN OF SOME KIND.

THE COMMAND FORMAT IS LIKE THE SAFEGUARD.
WHAT THE HELL?

WHAT'S THIS?

CHOMPTSCH

I'D LIKE TO CONNECT TO YOU, TOO, KILLY. LEND ME YOUR TERMINAL.
I'VE FOUND THE CONSCIOUSNESS.
Zzzzzt
WHY HAVE YOU COME TO TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES?
WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE?
I'LL BEGIN THE QUESTIONING.

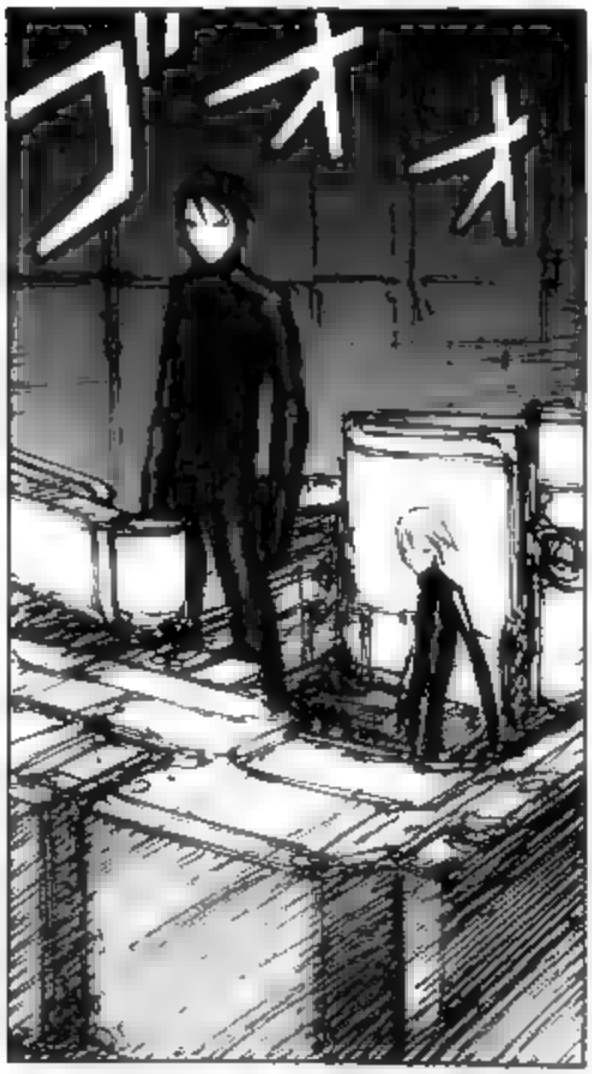

BLAM
Uuuh
A CONTIN-UATION OF AN ANCIENT ...
POWER BEYOND... THE NET...
BU... BU...
WE...ARE SILICON LIFE.
WHY WOULD YOU?
WHAT.... .....?
THE ...
NET TERMIN-AL... GENE.
WE HAVE COME ...
TO DES-TROY ...

WHY DO YOU PURSUE THIS GOAL?
CY-BORG RACE
THIS... IS THE PUR-POSE... OF THE ENTIRE...
BY A HUMAN... POS-SESSING THE NET TERMI-NAL... GENE.
TO STOP THE... RECOV-ERY... OF THE NET SPHERE.
A STATE OF CHAOS ...IS.
BE... ESSEN-TIAL.
CON-TINUE... NET... THE NET...
BUH BUH
EXCUSE ME... F... FORGIVE ME.
THE RACE... AND CON-TINUE...
THIS... CHAOS...
WAS NOT STARTED BY US.
NO
THEN... THE NET... THE CITY, IT WAS YOU THAT STARTED THIS CONFLICT?

WAS THERE A HUMAN WITH THE NET TERMINAL GENE IN TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES?
WE...
DIDN'T... CHECK ...
WE STARTED DEALING ...BU...BU... WITH THE HUMANS...
BEFORE ...
WE... NUMBER 8 CAVE... MENSAB...
SEARCHING...FOR THE... REMAINING... HIDDEN... HUMANS.
ZZZ
GROOO
WHERE?
THERE WERE STILL HUMANS LIVING HERE, WHEN YOU CYBORGS ARRIVED.

ONLY... NOW OUR... COM-RADS ...
ARE... PURSU-ING... MENSAB.
WE SHOULD... SOON... KNOW... WHERE THEY ARE HIDDEN.
MENSAB!?
WHERE IS SHE?

I'M SCARED OF MENSAB, BUT WITHOUT THOSE TWO, IT'D BE THE END OF CAVE 8. WHAT'LL WE DO?
MAYBE SEU'S INJURIES HAVEN'T HEALED YET.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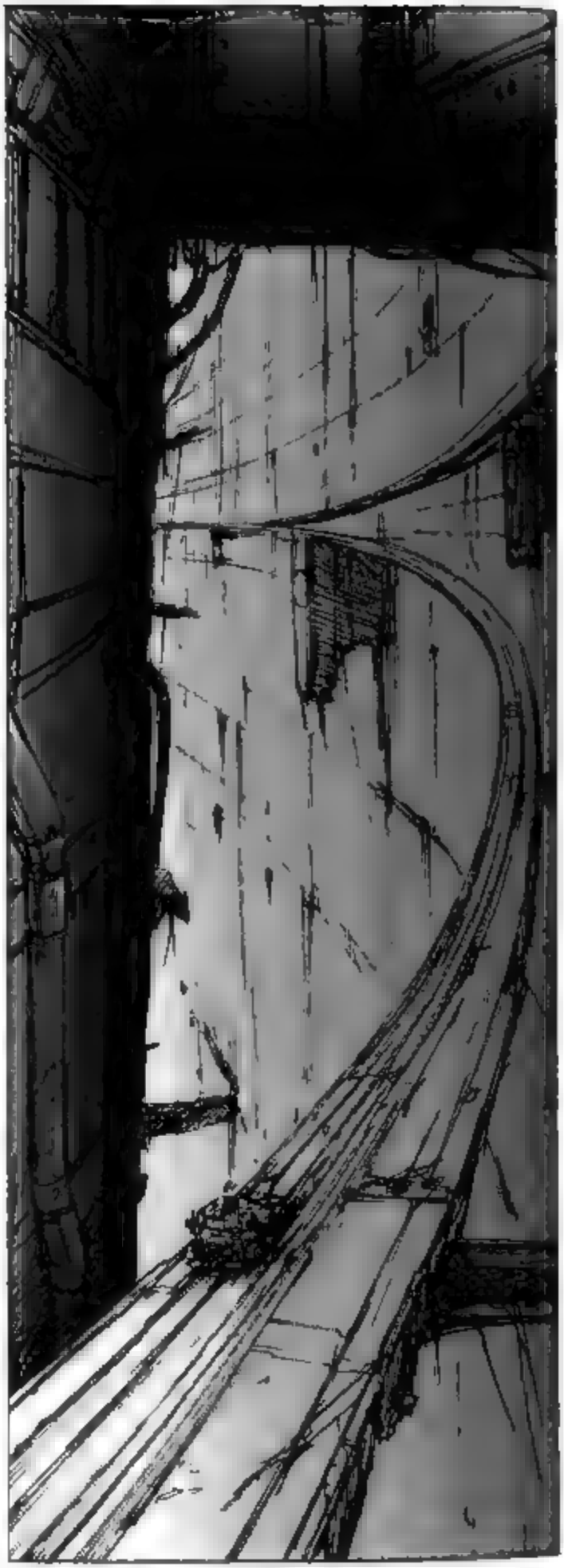
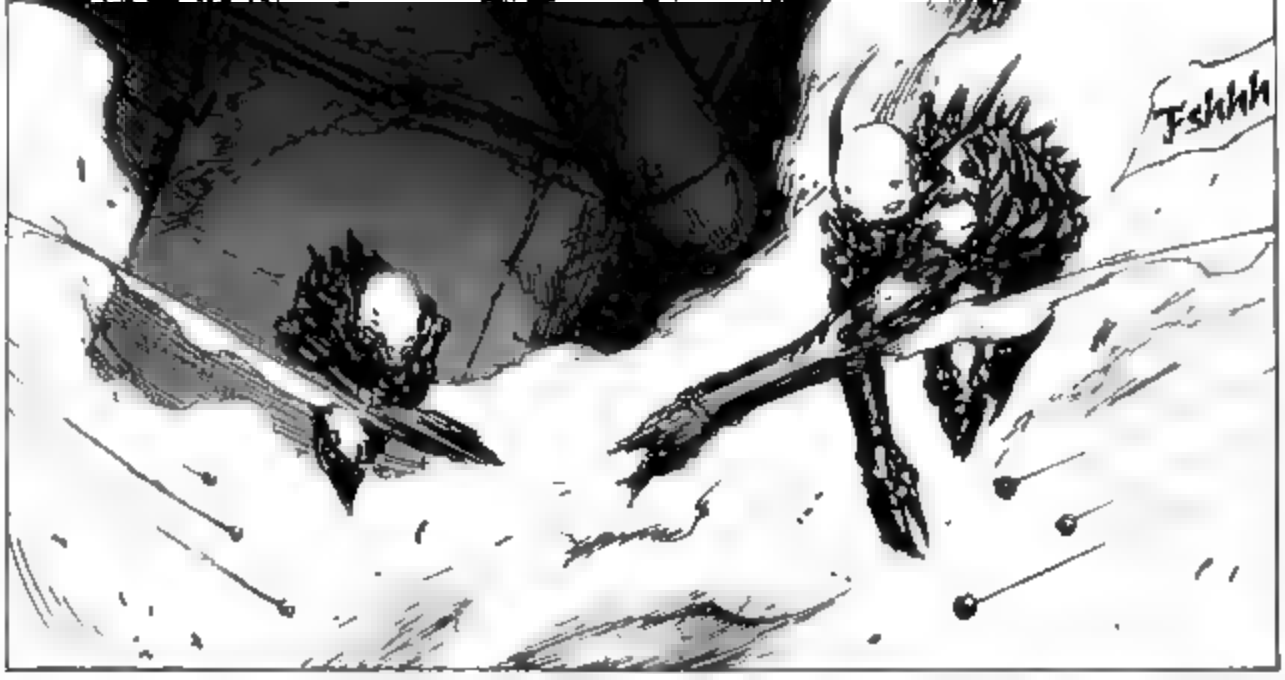


MISS MEN-SAB !!
YOU MUST BREAK THEIR BARRIER!!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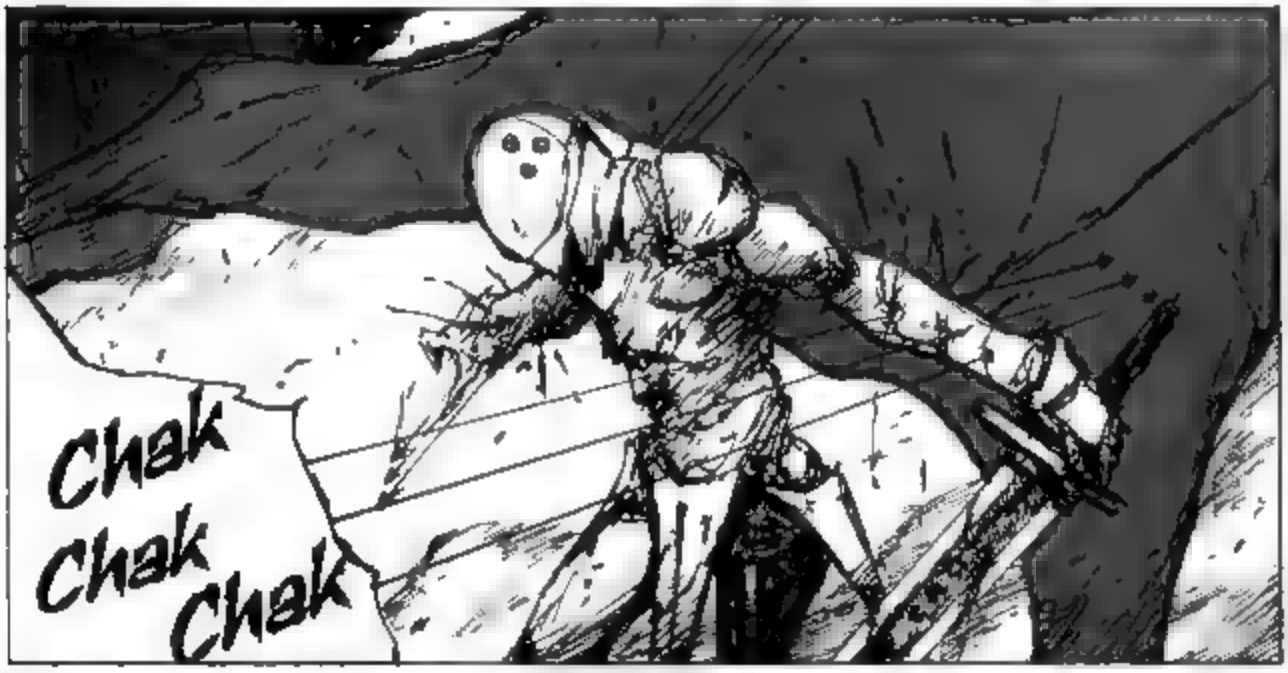
Chak
Chak
Chak

PHHHT
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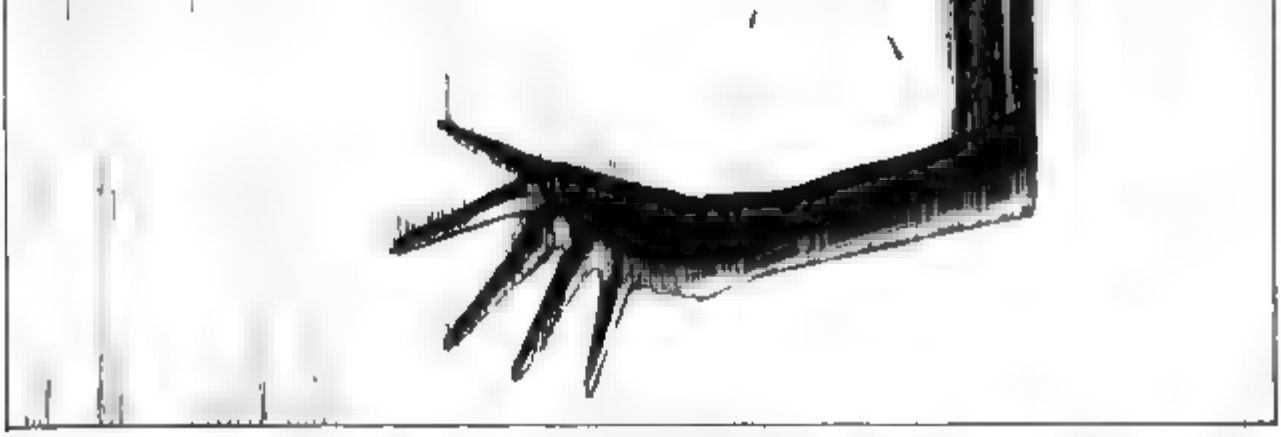
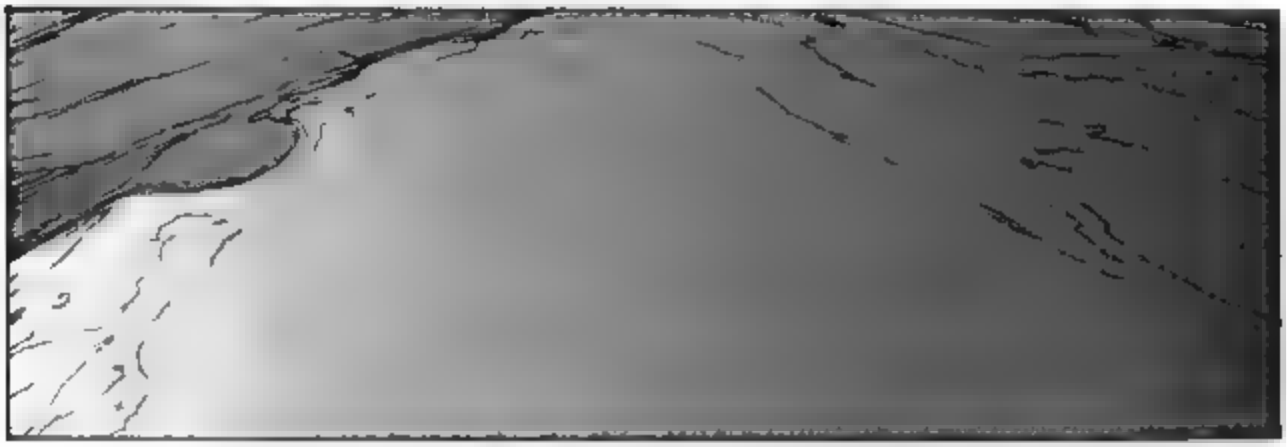
TELE-
PORT,
MISS
MEN-
SAB!!

KILLY, RUN! YOU'LL BE CAUGHT IN THEIR TELE-PORTATION!

CIBO!





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LOG 26 SCATTERED SPACE

READ FROM RIGHT TO LEFT.

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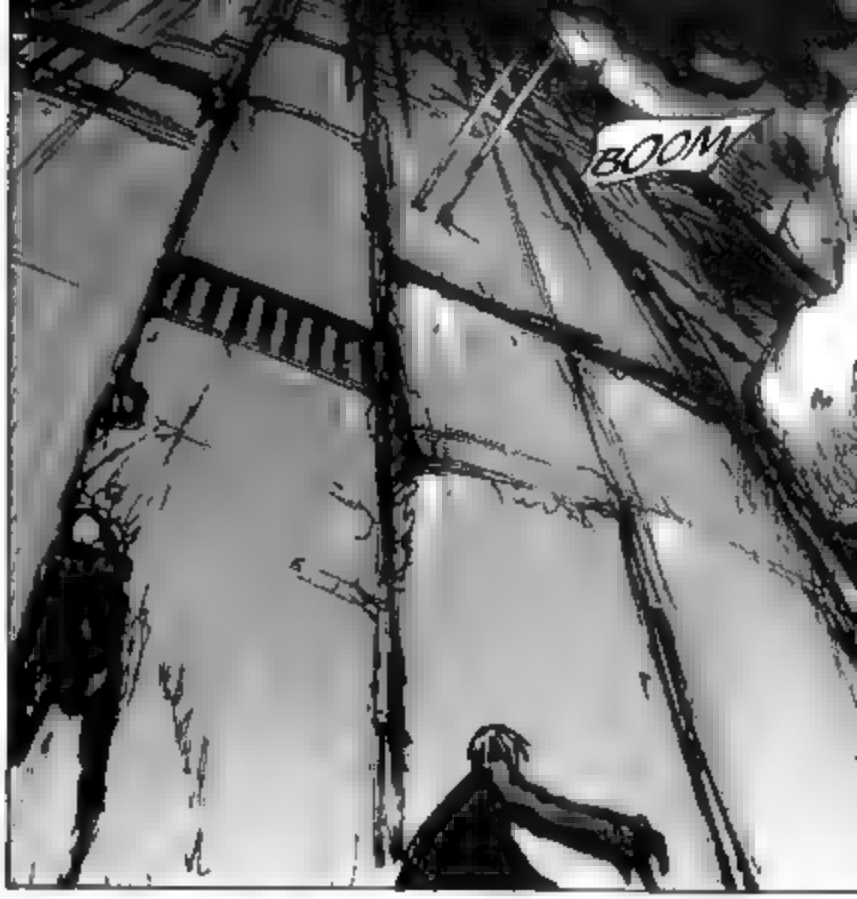
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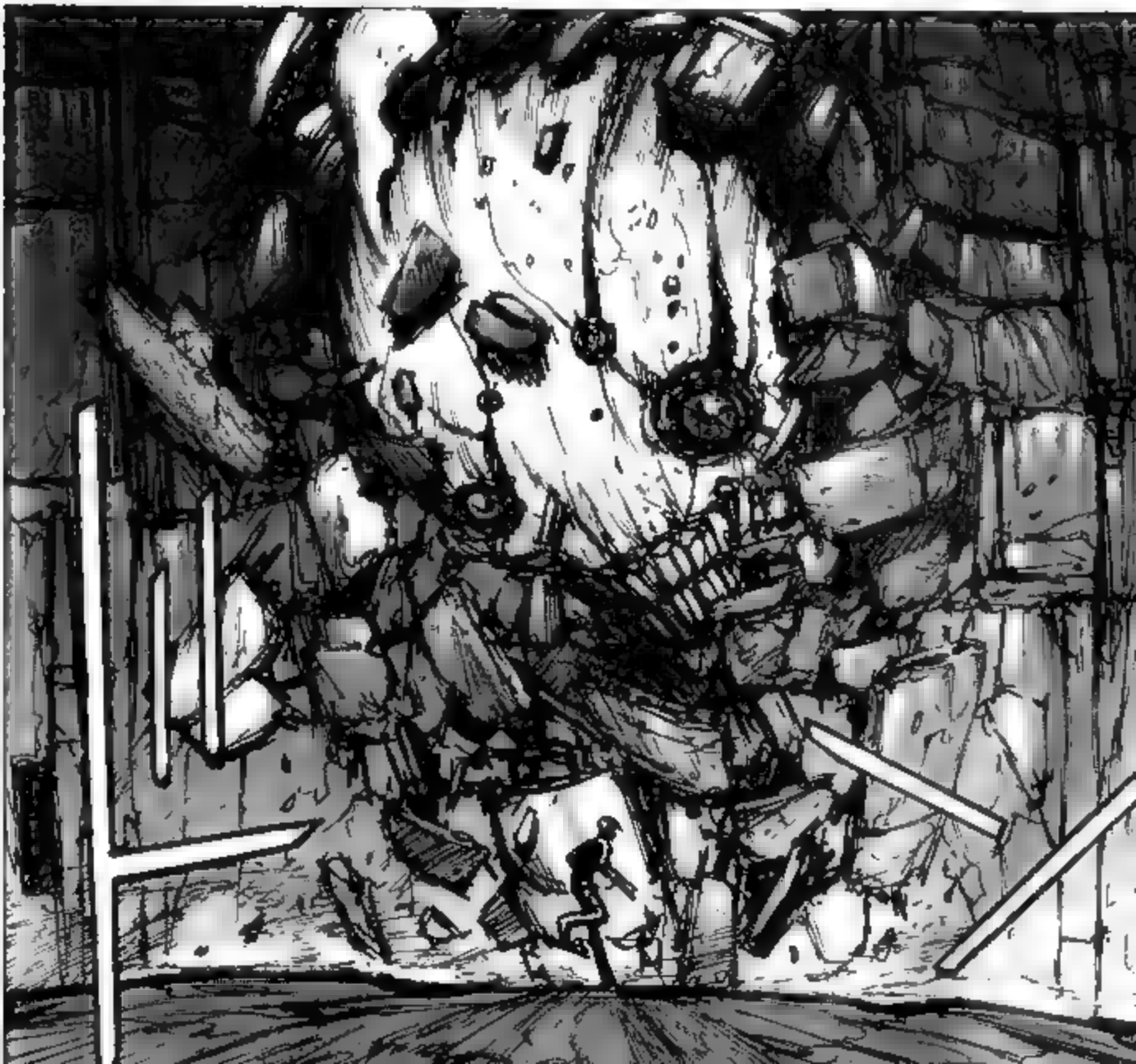

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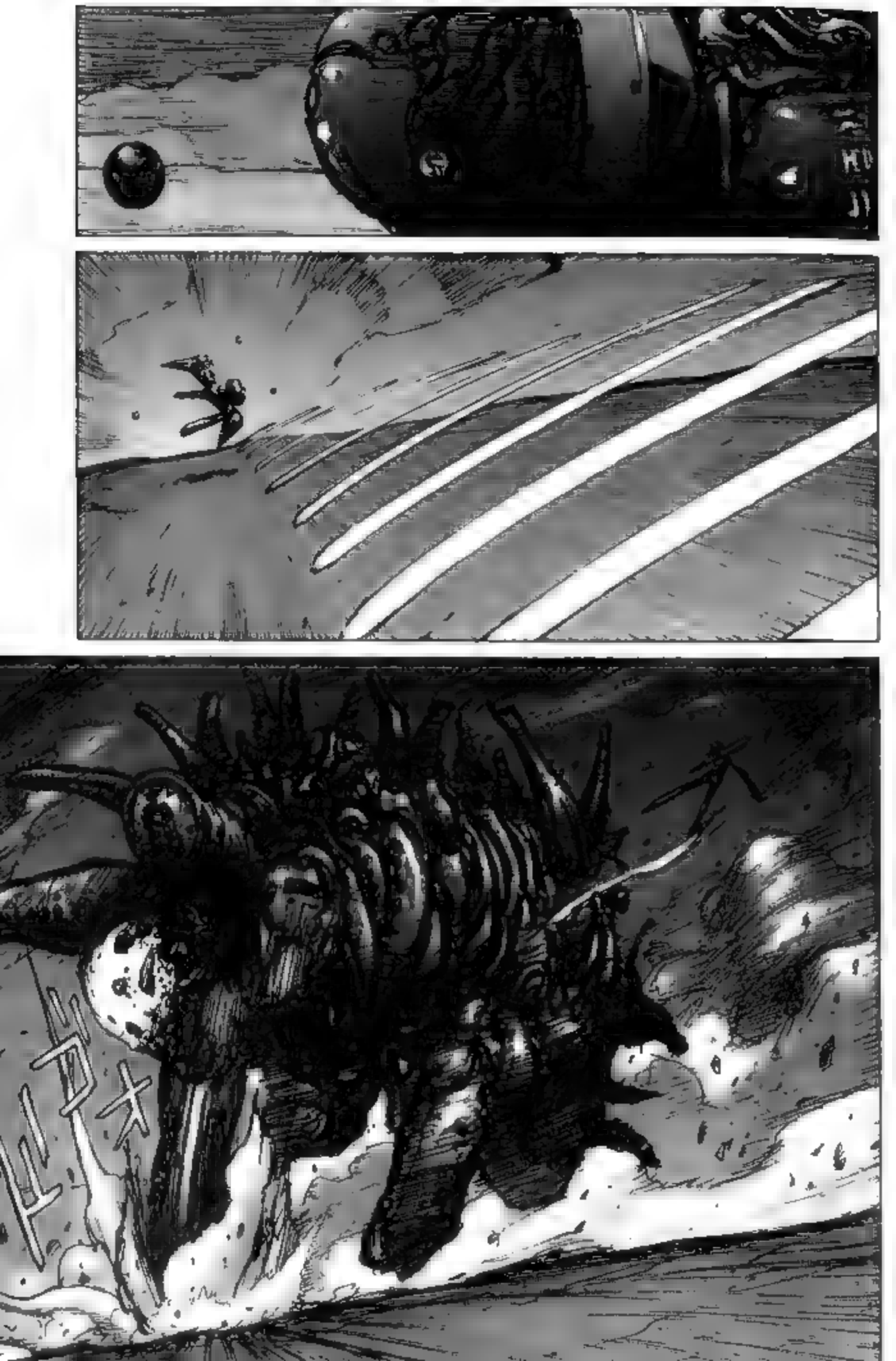

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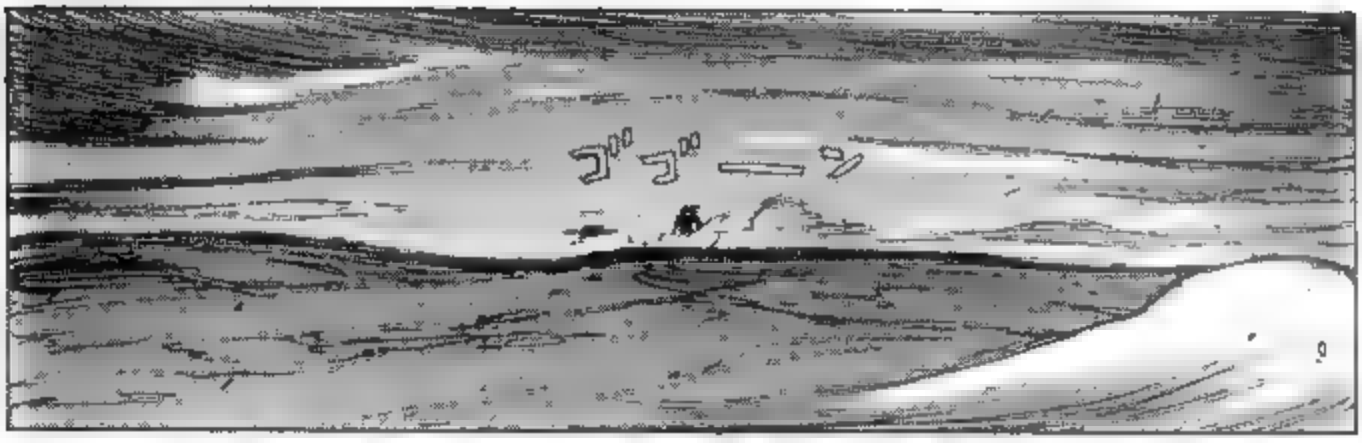
SHH
CAN YOU SPEAK ?
YEAH.
GREAT TO MEET A LIVING HUMAN.

I DETECTED A STRONG MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE, SO I CAME TO HAVE A LOOK.
THAT CYBORG JUST NOW WAS DOING THE SAME.
KSHHHH
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M CIBO.
AND YOUR NAME IS ?

...KILLY.
ZEET
!
IT'S HIM.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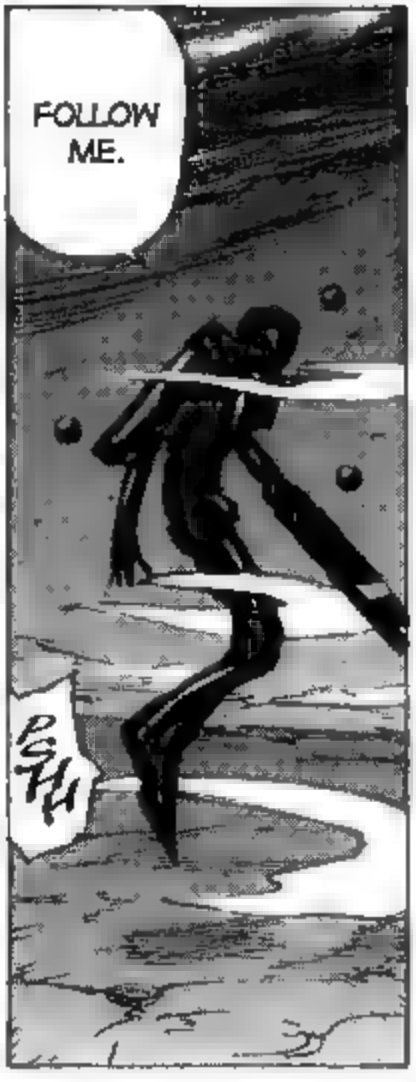
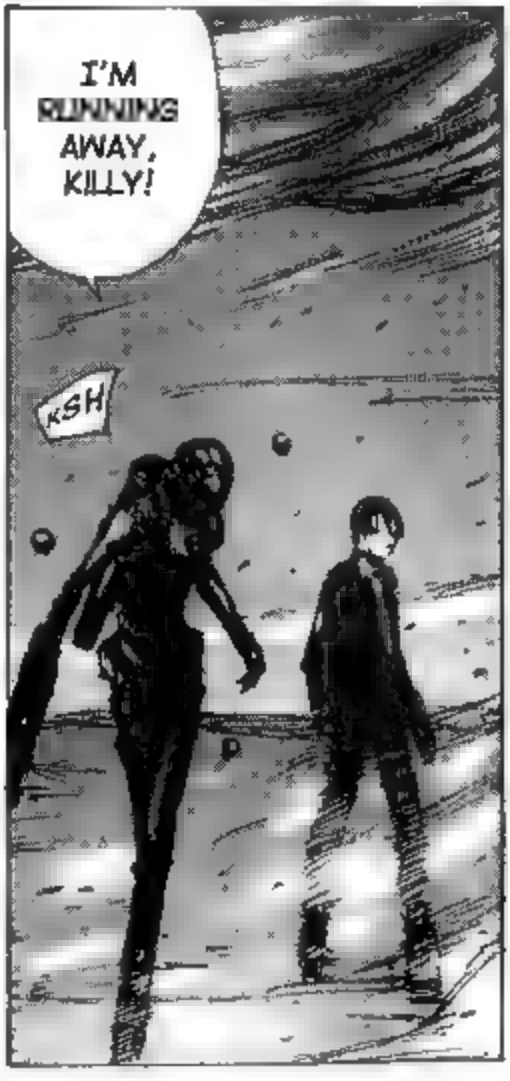
MY EQUIPMENT CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
THE LATEST MODEL CYBORG..


FOLLOW ME.
PSHU


I'M RUNNING AWAY, KILLY!
KSH

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!?
I HAVE A FEELING...
IT'S SOMEWHERE ELSE

THIS SEEMS GOOD.

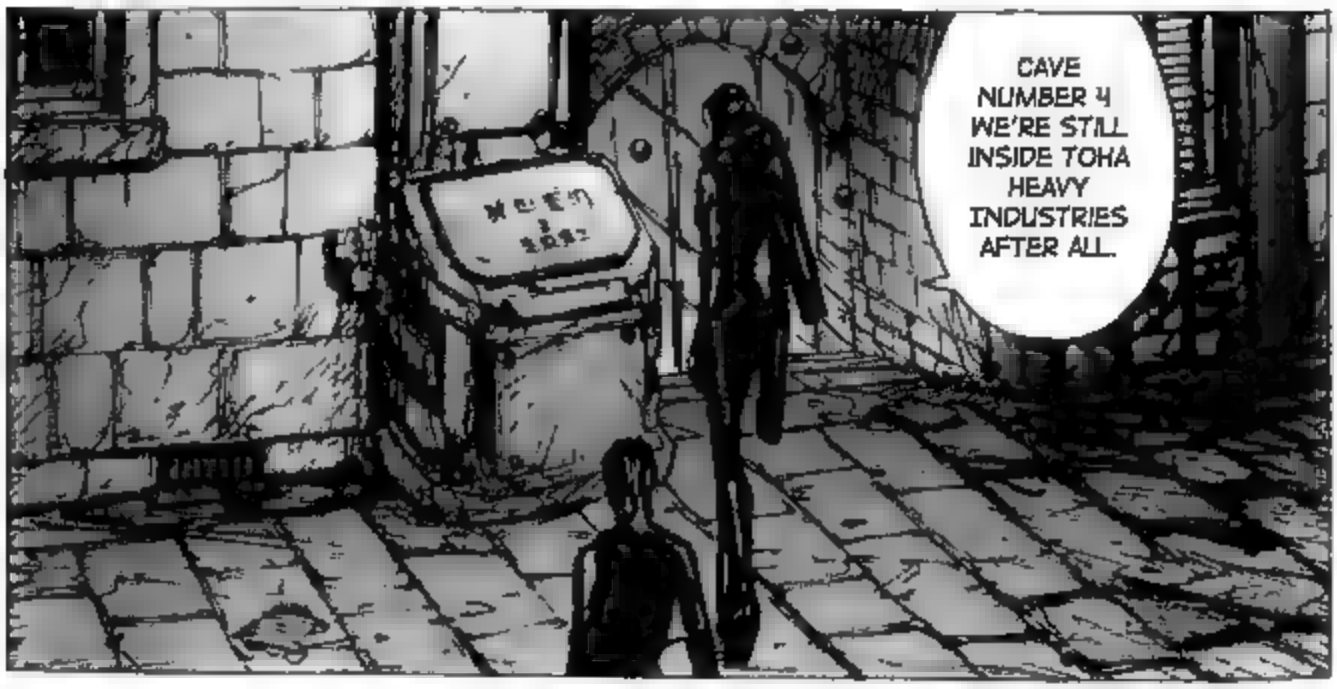
HOW MANY PEOPLE NAMED CIBO WERE THERE AT THE CYBER-LIFE SOCIETY?
HUH ?
NO, JUST ME.
YOU KNOW THE SOCIETY?
I DON'T KNOW. UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE I GOT SENT HERE, SHE WAS NEARBY
WHERE IS THIS PERSON NOW ?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!
YEAH I MET CIBO THERE, AND WE CAME HERE TOGETHER

I'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE ALONE.
REALLY
THIS SHOULD BE THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET
SPACE AND TIME CHANGE LIKE THE WEATHER
ALL THE MEASURE-MENTS ARE MEANING-LESS HERE.
IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG SINCE I CAME TO THIS PLACE
MAYBE WE'VE SLIPPED OUT OF THE WORLD ?

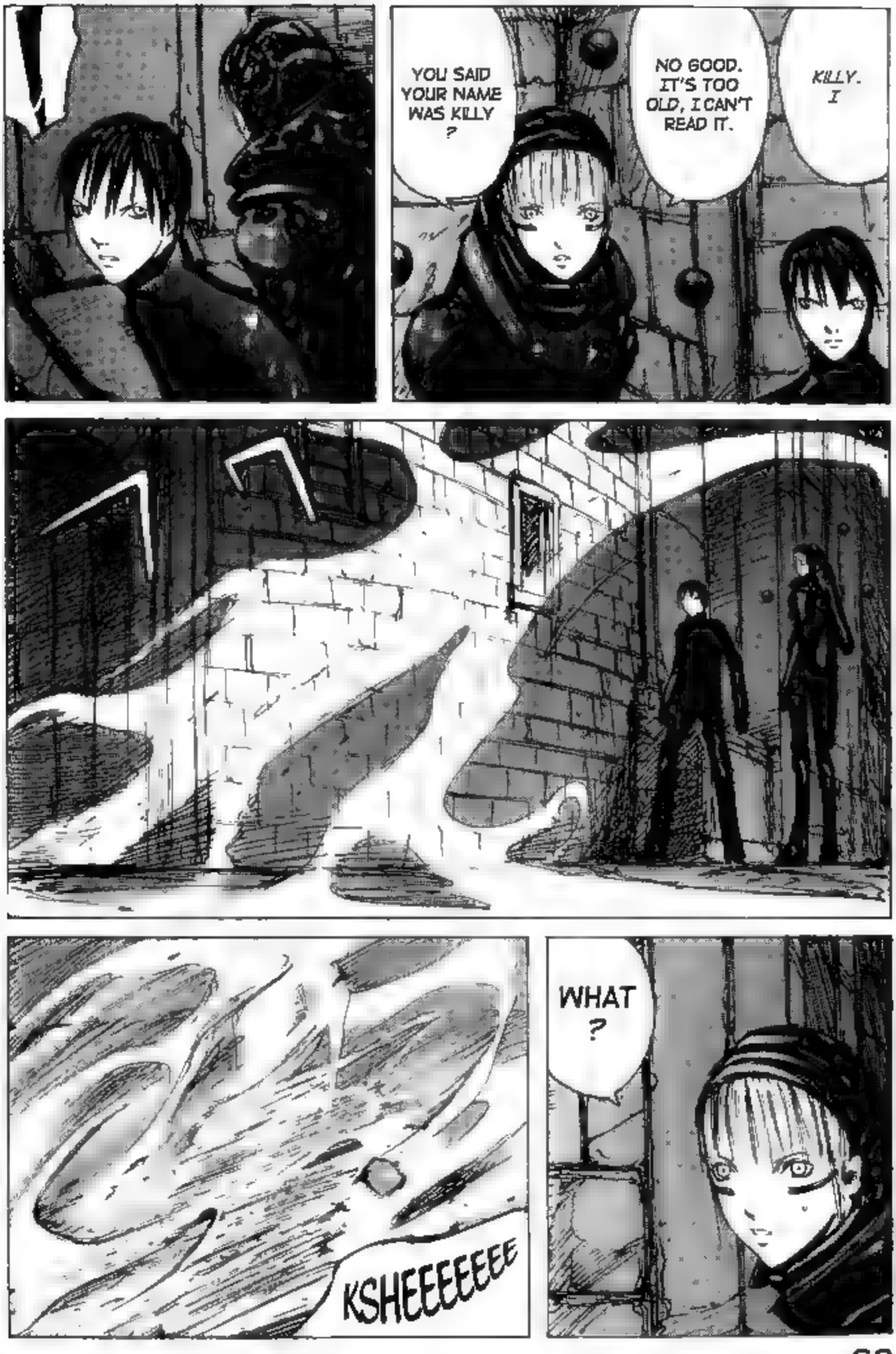
THAT'S A GRAVITON RADIATION PROJECTOR !?!
I MADE A HOLE WITH THIS.
HOW DID YOU GET THROUGH THE MEGA-STRUCTURE ?
SO YOU SAY YOU CAME FROM THE SOCIETY ?
YES, BUT I CAN'T USE IT NOW.

LET'S GO SOMEWHERE SAFE.
MATTER IS BEGINNING TO DISTORT
!!
KSHHH

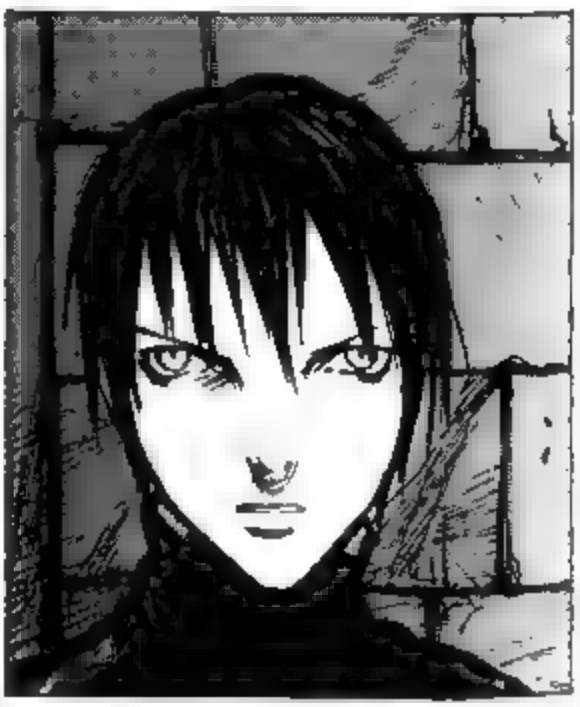
WE MIGHT FIND SOMETHING CARE TO GO ?
A RESIDENTIAL AREA.


CAVE NUMBER 4 WE'RE STILL INSIDE TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES AFTER ALL.

SOMETHING IS HAND-WRITTEN HERE.


KILLY. I
NO GOOD. IT'S TOO OLD, I CAN'T READ IT.
YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS KILLY ?
KSHEEEEEEE
WHAT ?

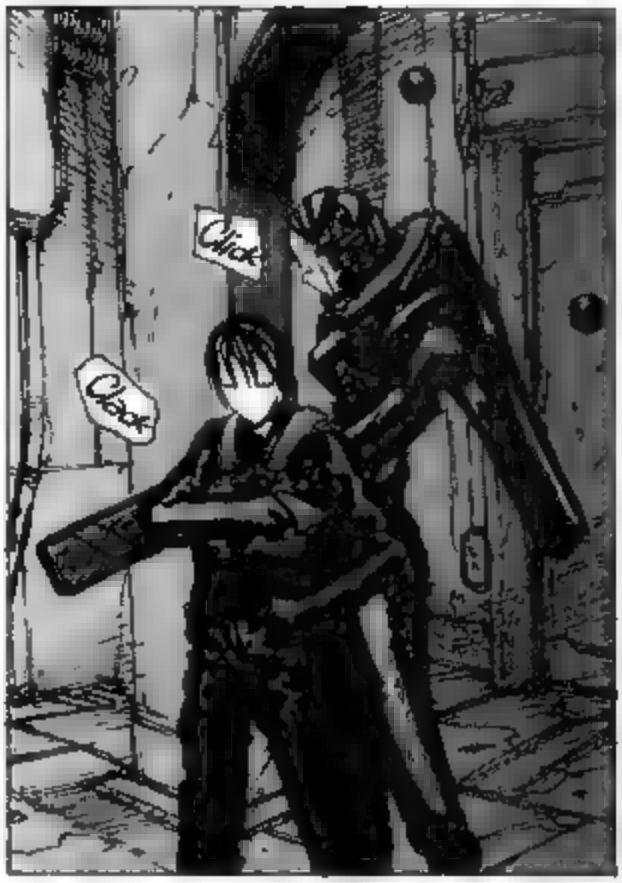
Kiillyy...



KILLY... LONG... I...
WORDS ?
POWER . GRAVITY.. FURNACE . TROUBLE.

WAIT, WHO ARE YOU ?!
VAN-ISHED
THE LAST ONES WERE COORD-INATES.

I HAVE TO CONCEN-TRATE ON FLYING
HOLD THIS FOR NOW.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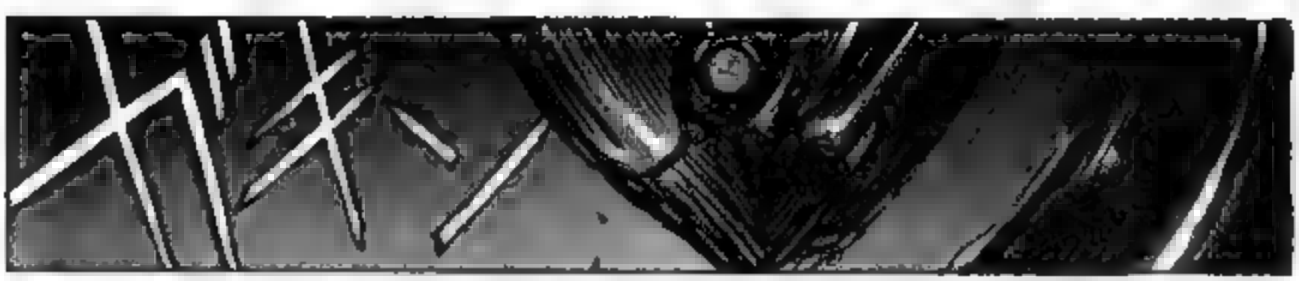
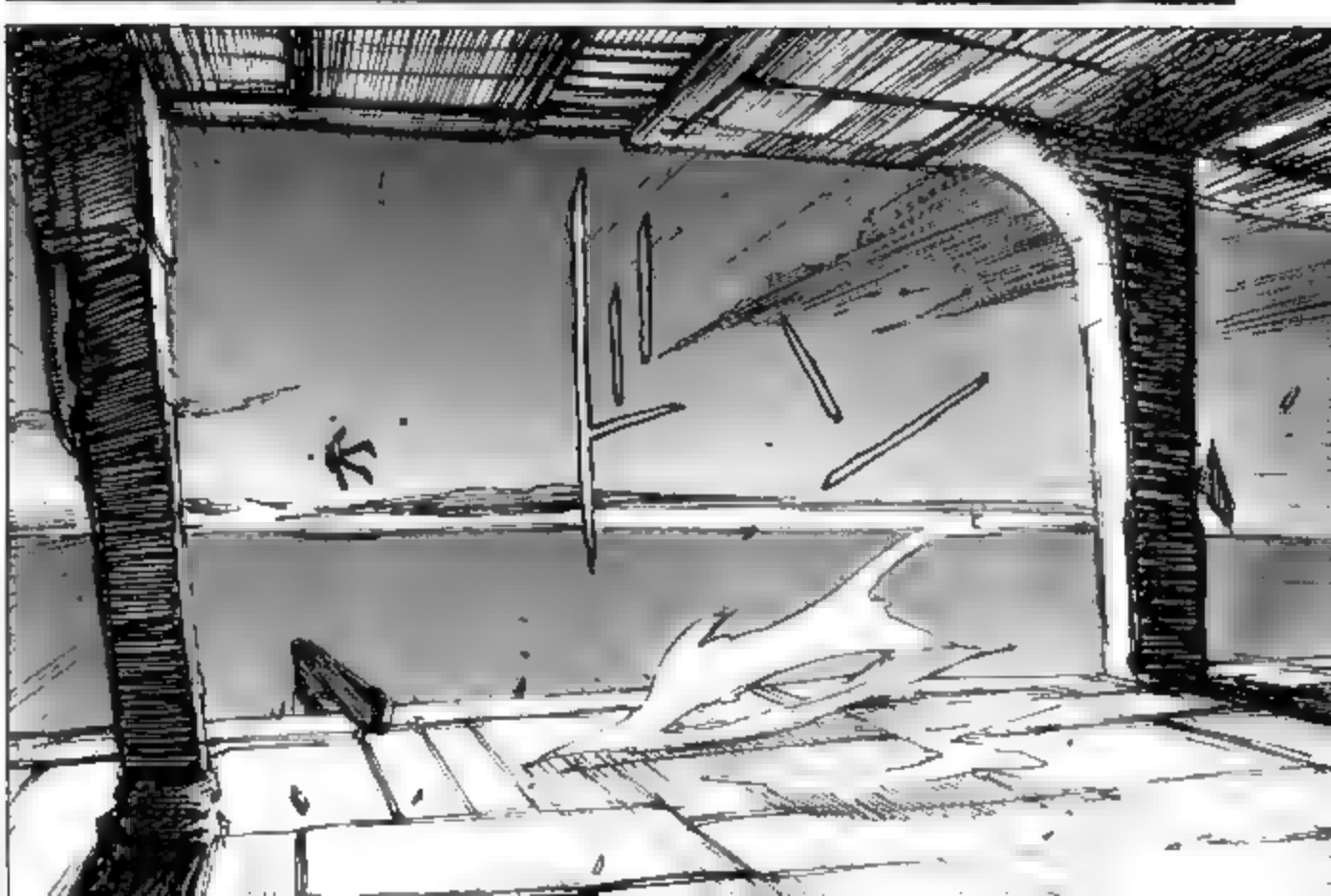
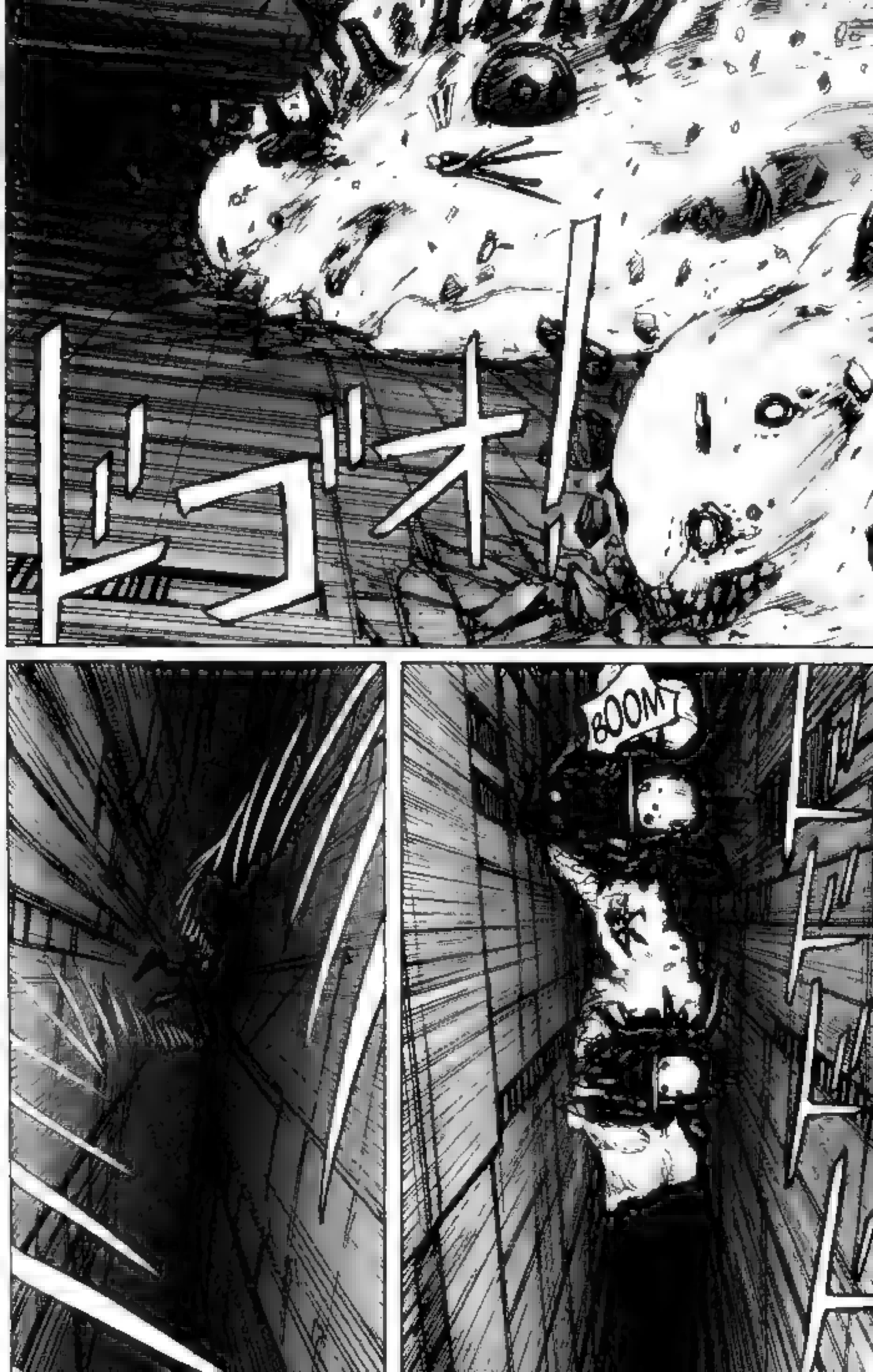




BUT IF WE DON'T HURRY, THE GEOGRAPHY WILL CHANGE AND IT WILL BE LOST FOREVER.
I CAN SET MY NAVIGATION SYSTEM TO THE PRESENT COORDINATES..

I CAN SEE THE PLACE UP AHEAD.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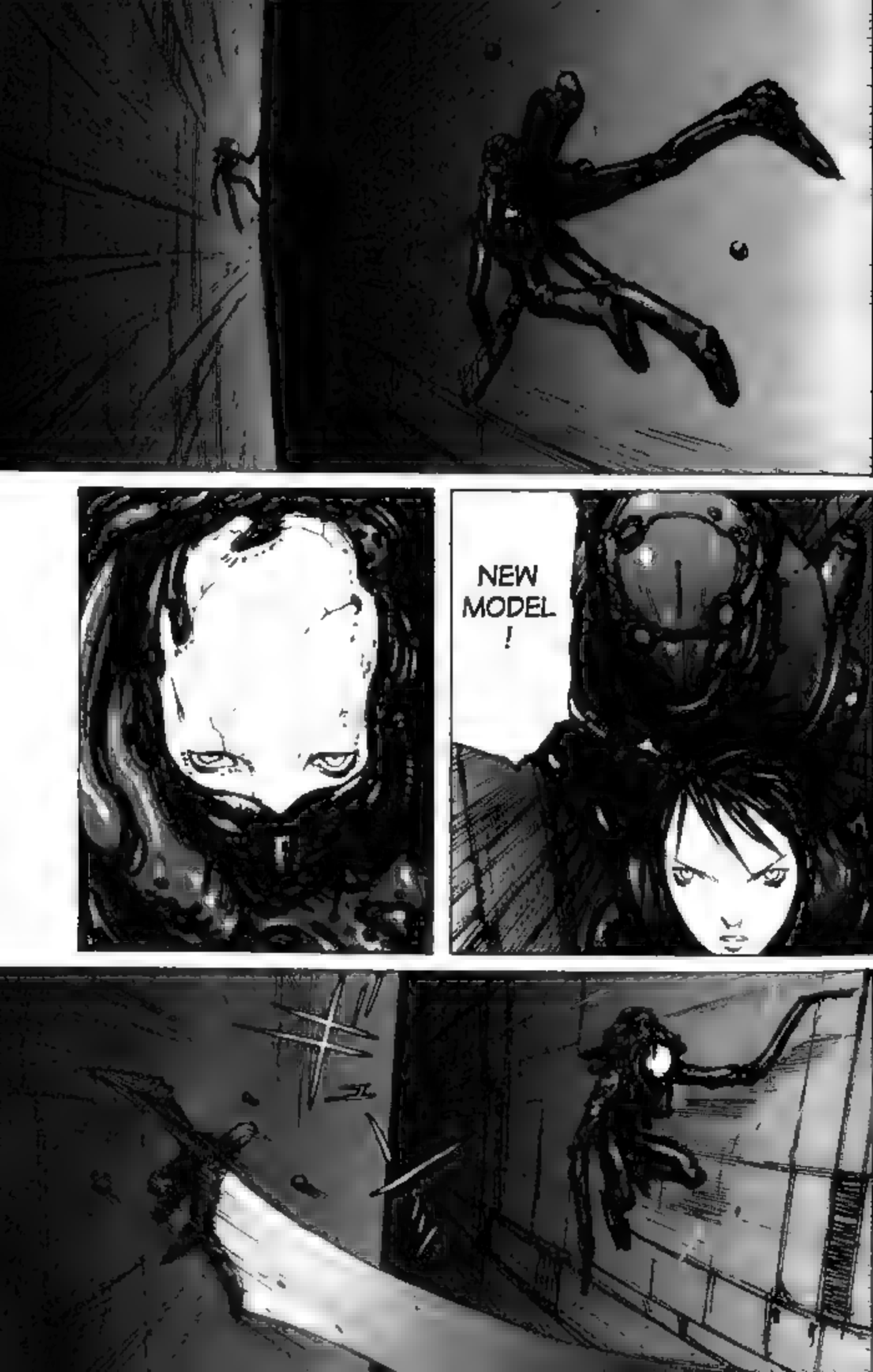
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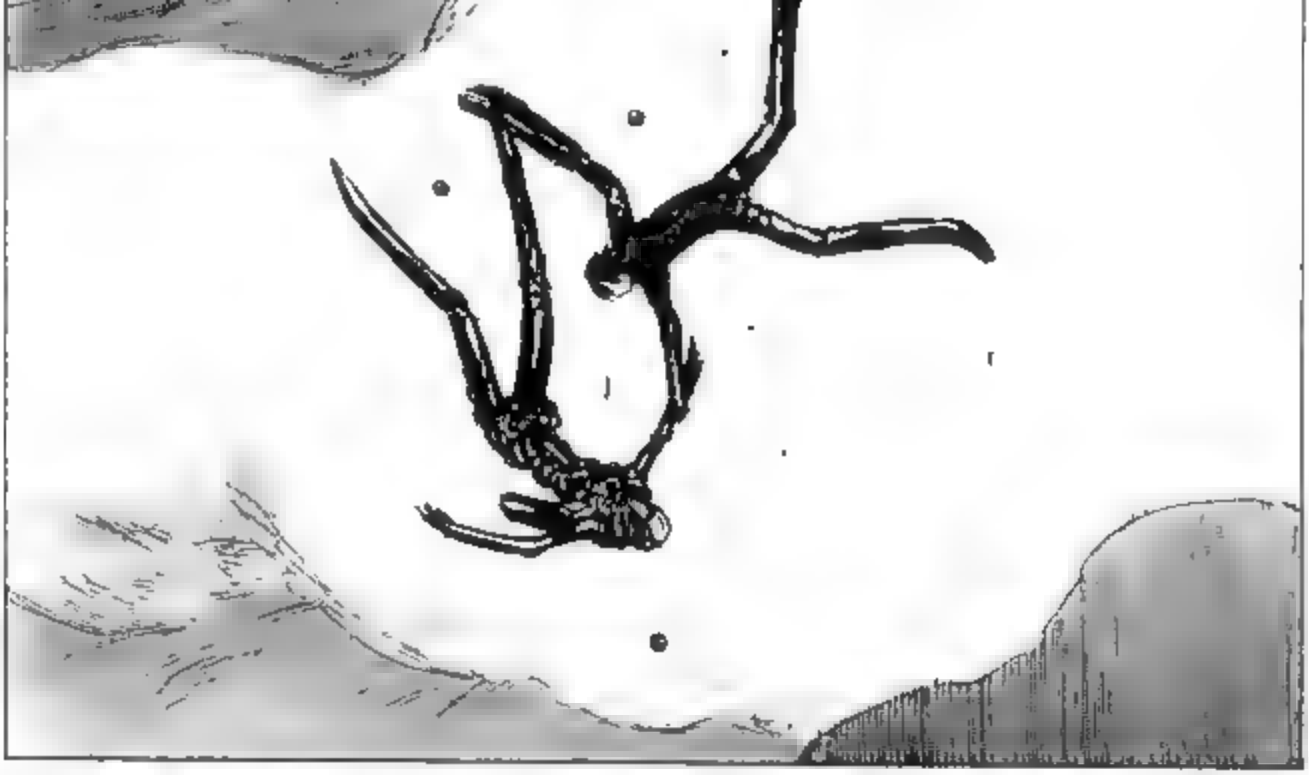

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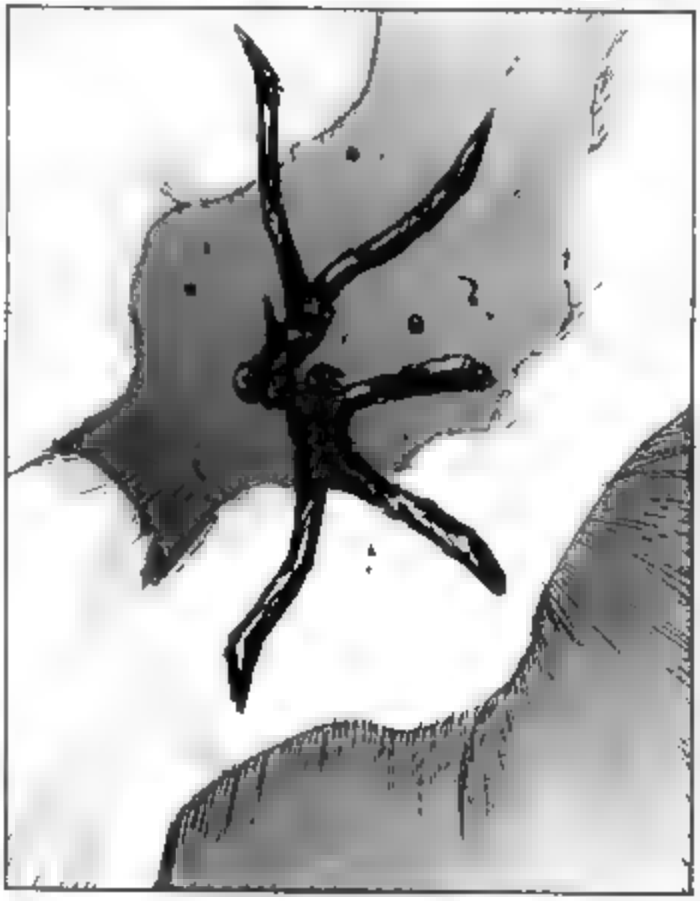
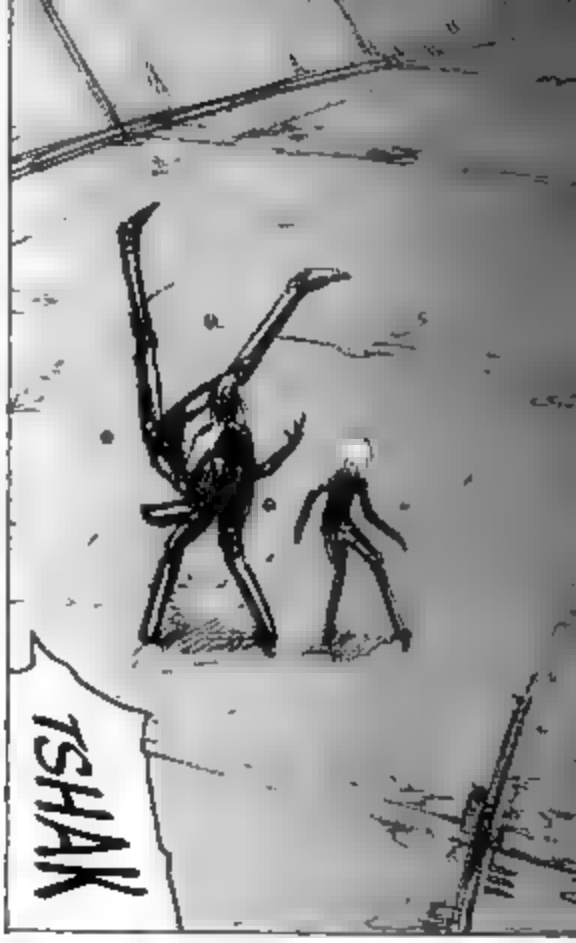


I'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU, KILLY.
CIBO.
TSHUU

WHO IS THIS ?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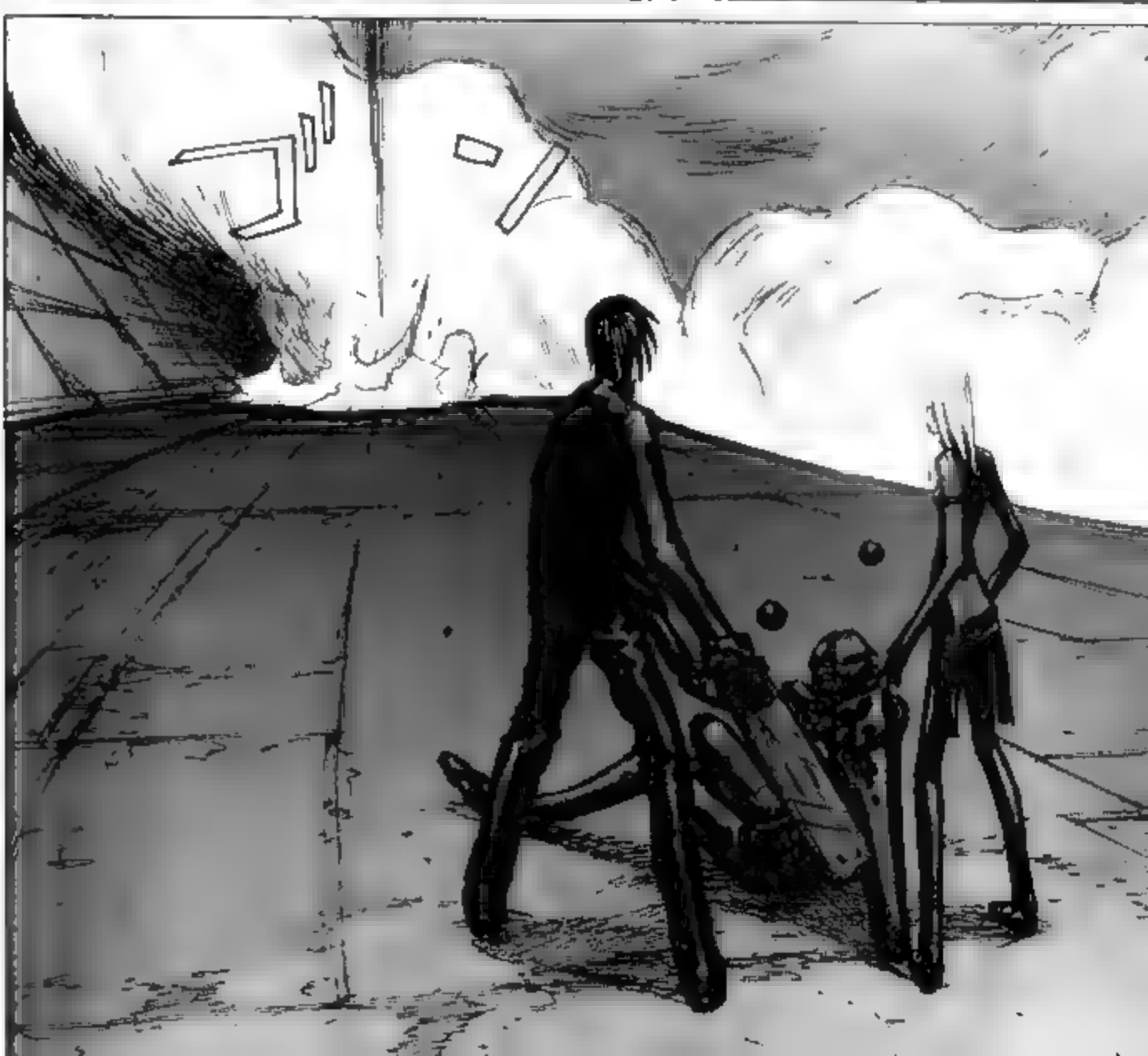
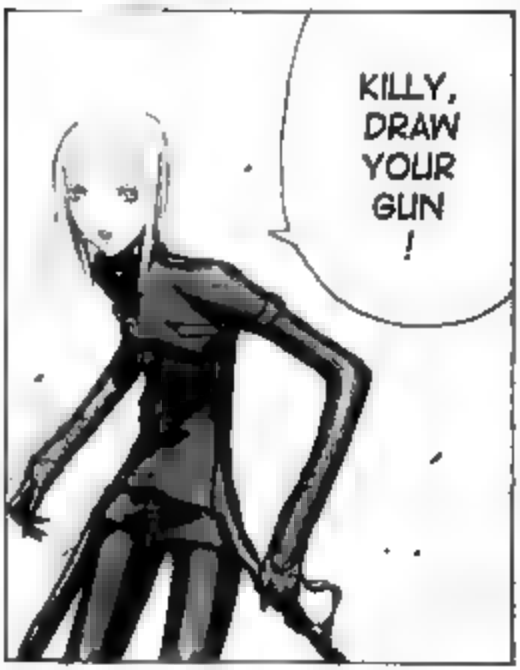
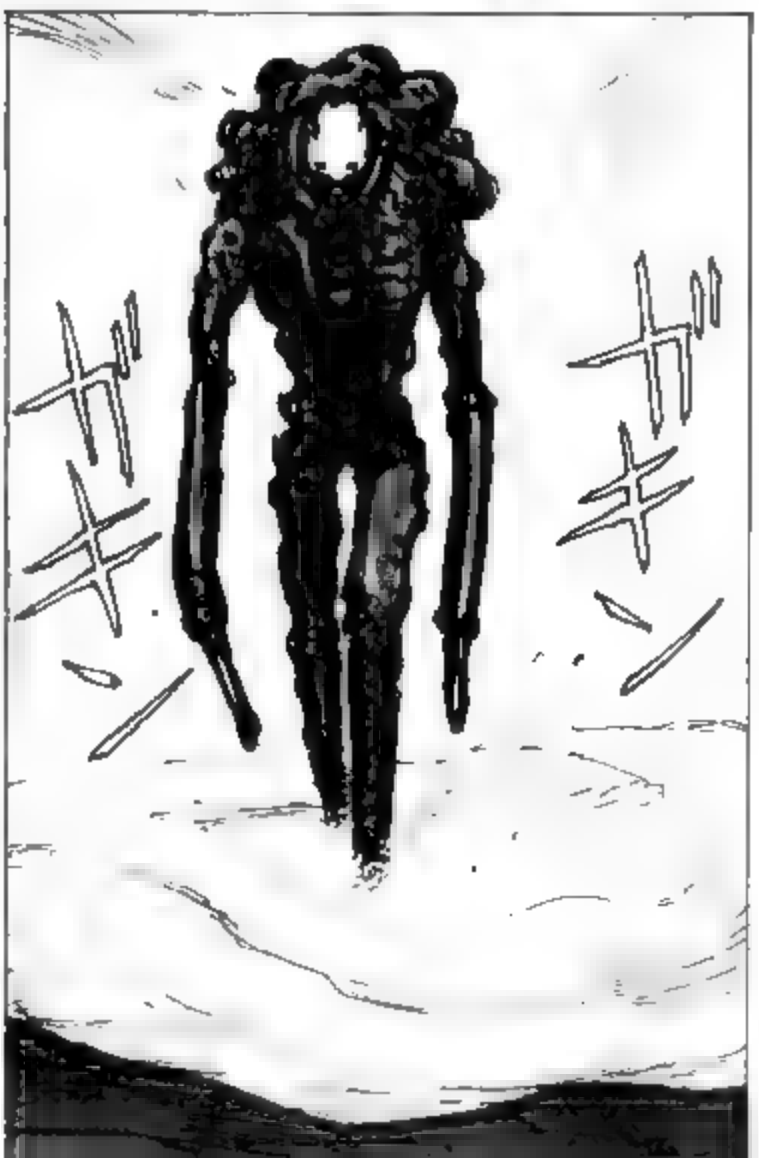



KILLY, DRAW YOUR GUN !

I STILL CAN'T USE IT !



BUT KEEP THE POWER LOW !
MH .
I'LL FIX THAT !
ZACK
ZACK
ONE MORE ..
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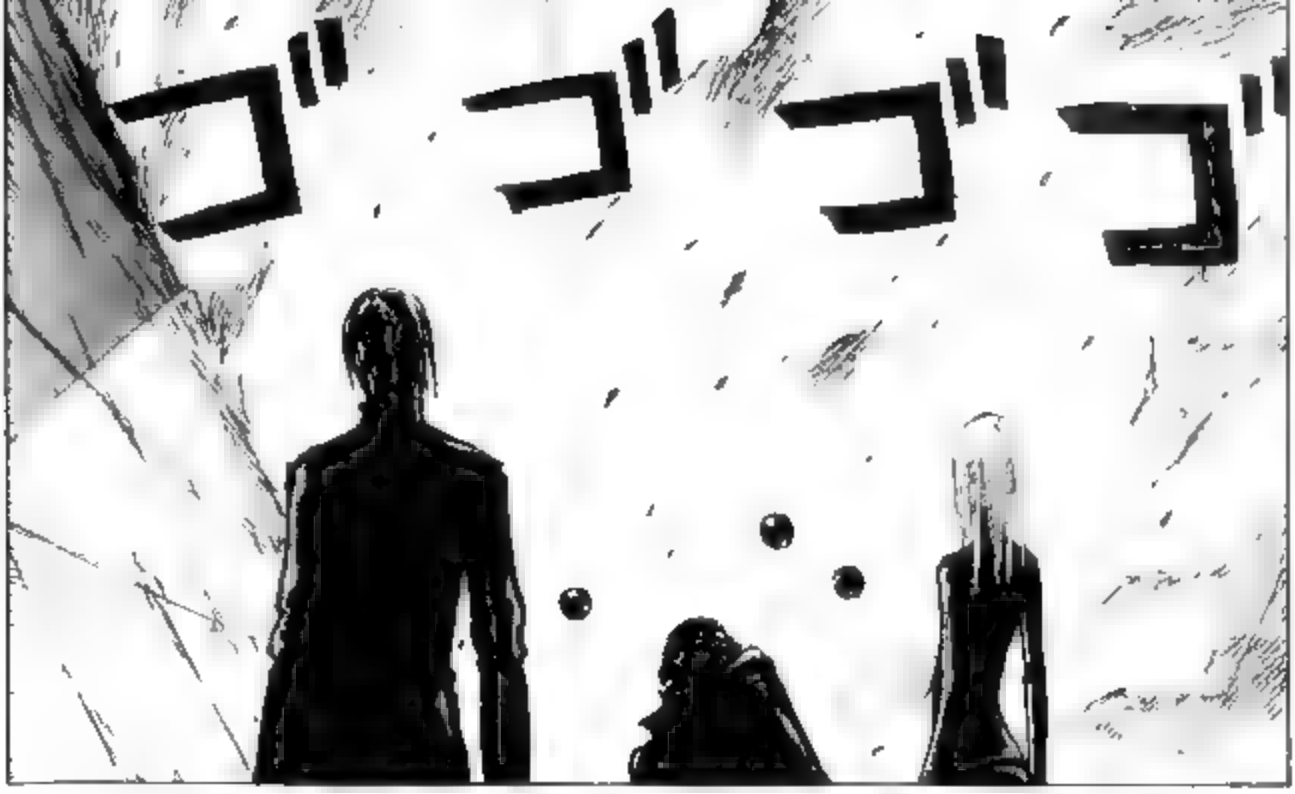
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I'VE BEEN WAITING OVER 10 YEARS.
YOU'RE LATE, KILLY.
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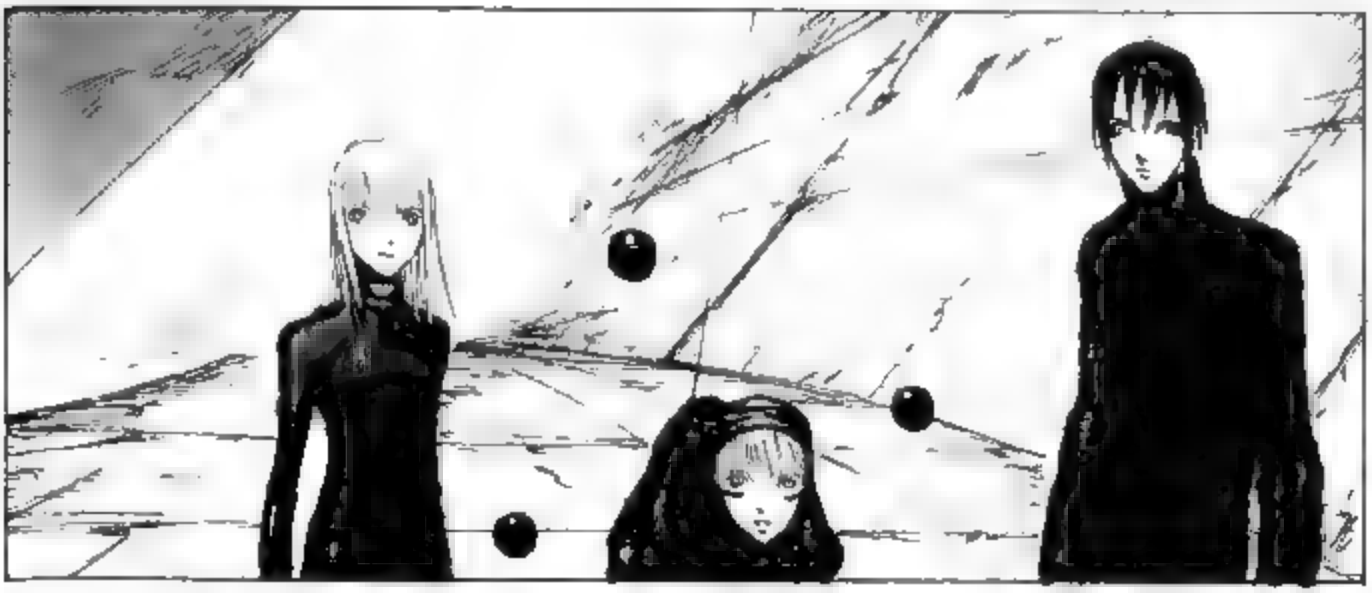

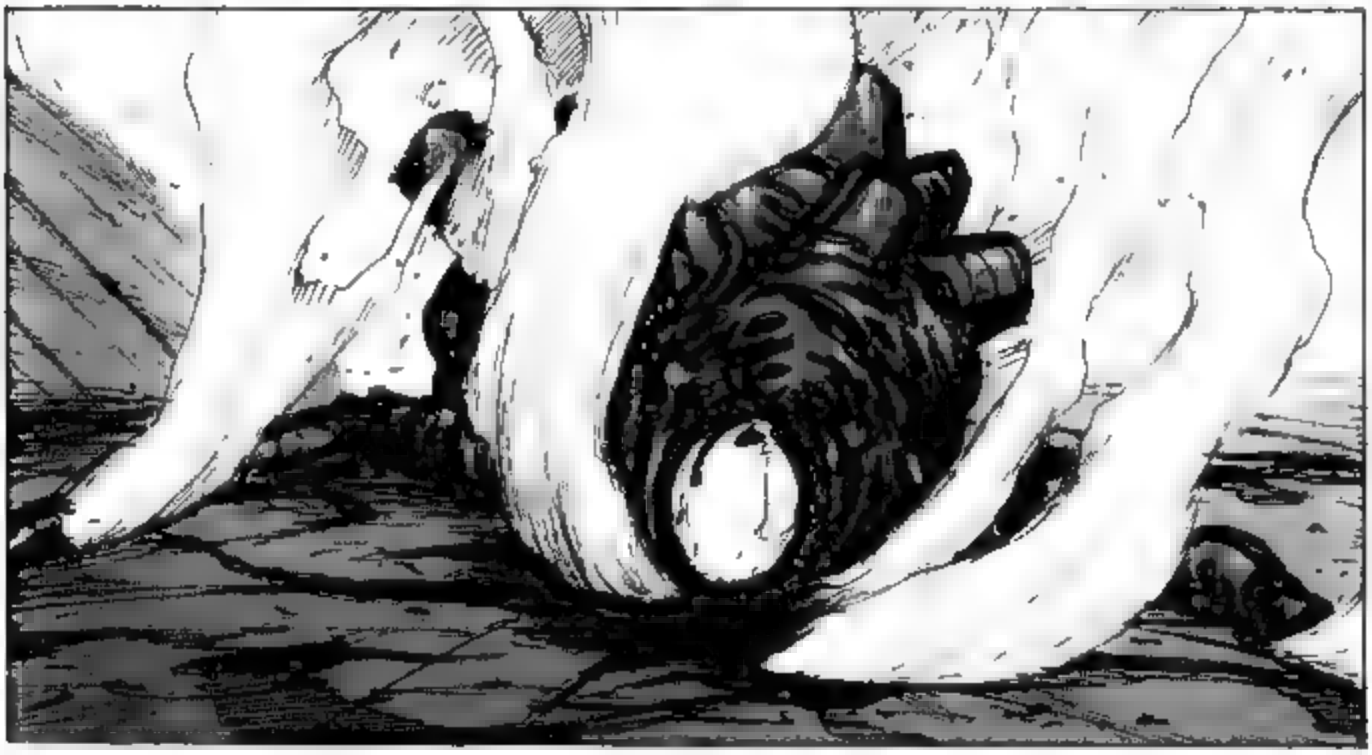

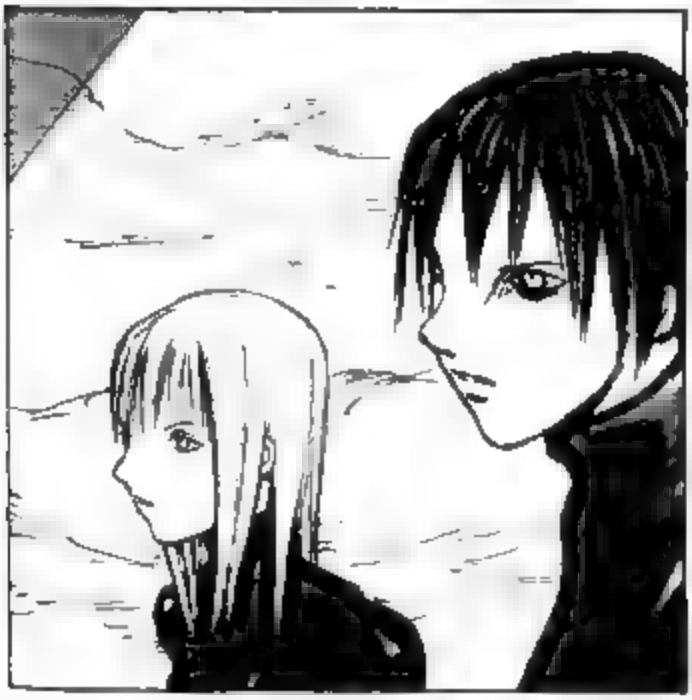

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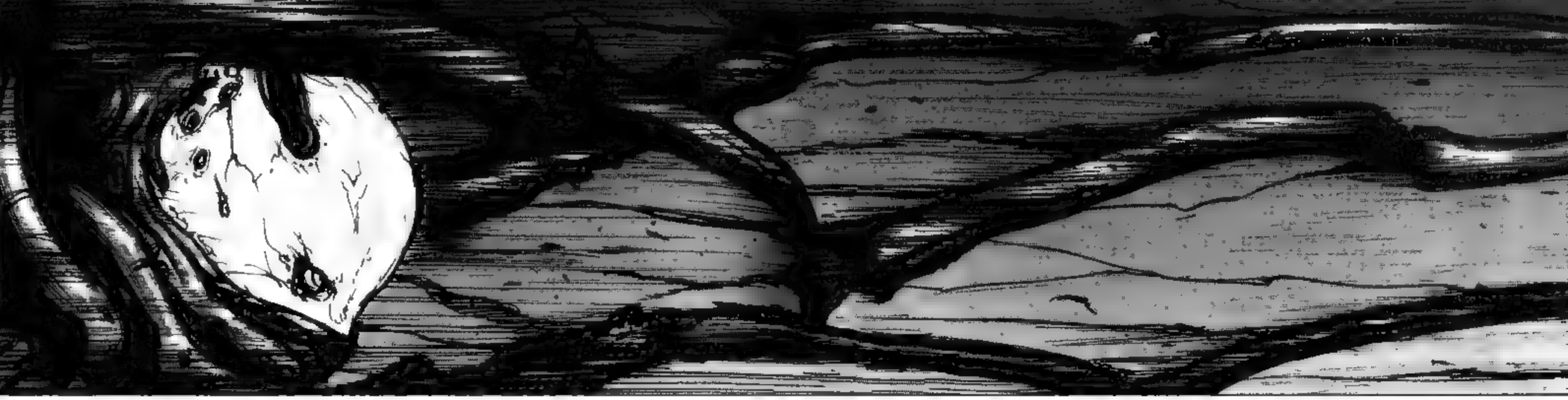

THE MAGNETIC SHIELD !

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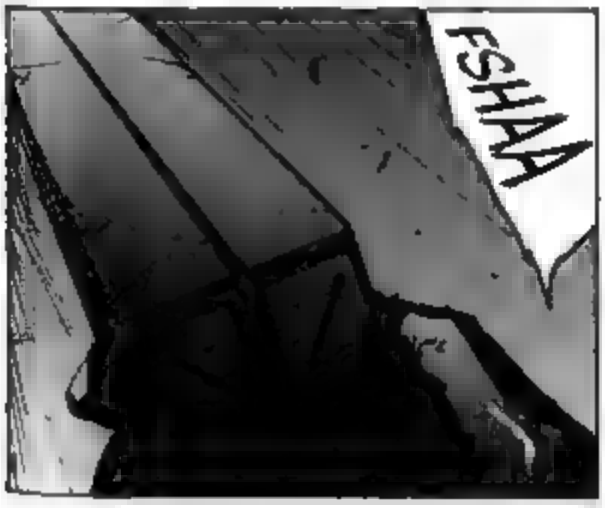
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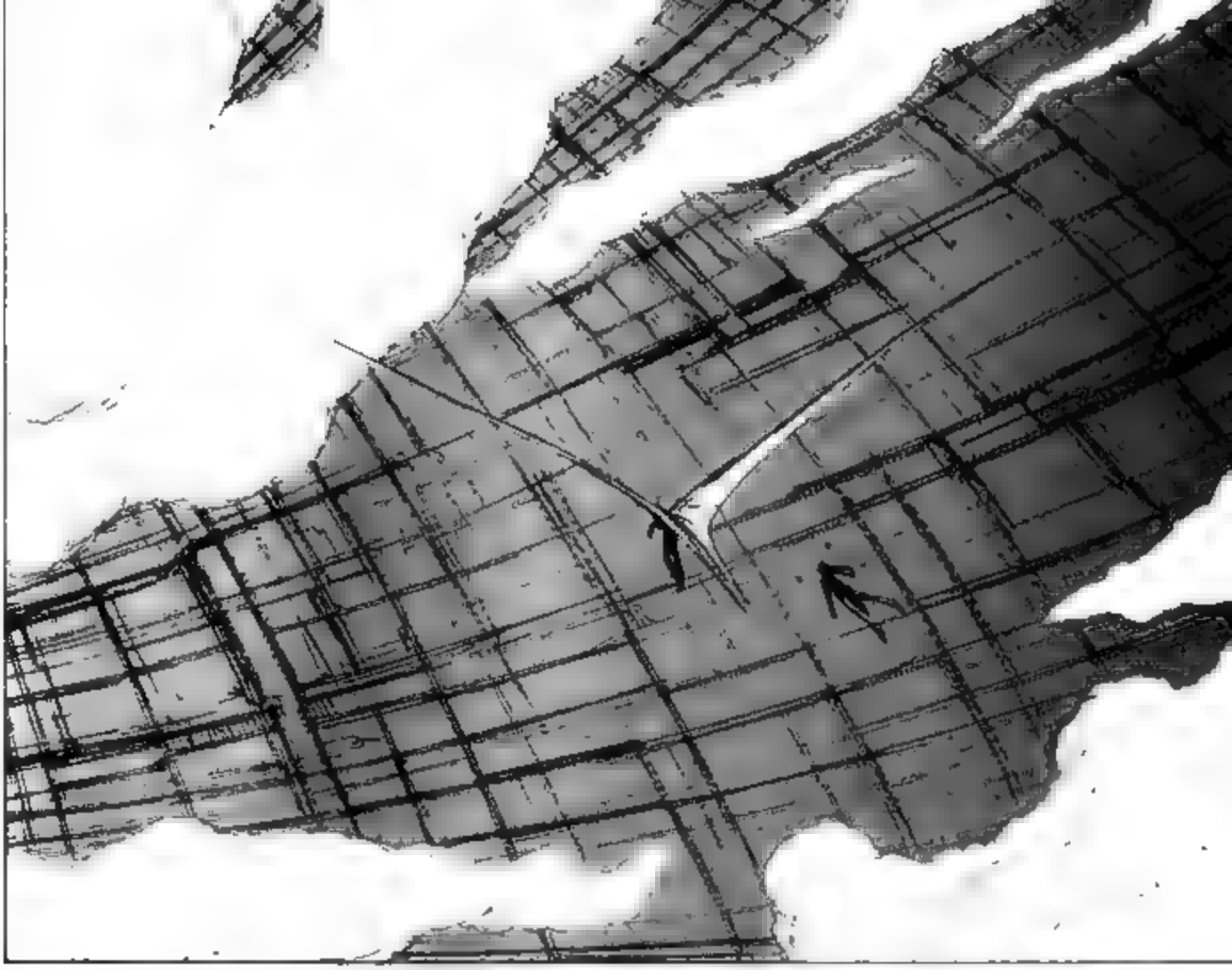
IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME TO REPAIR ITSELF.

HELLO, I'M CIBO.
I AM FROM A DIFFERENT SPACE.

YOU...

IT WILL GET STRANGER IF THE GRAVITY FURNACE ISN'T STOPPED
THIS SPACE IS MYS-TERIOUS, IS IT NOT?
AND THE CAUSE OF THE ANOMALIES IN IT'S SPACE
THE SOURCE OF THE TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES' GRAVITY
GRAVI-ITY FUR-NACE ?
IF THAT HAPPENS, WE'LL BE TRAPPED INSIDE THIS SPACE FOREVER.
IF THE FURNACE CONTINUES OPERATING AS IT IS, THIS SPACE WILL COLLAPSE.

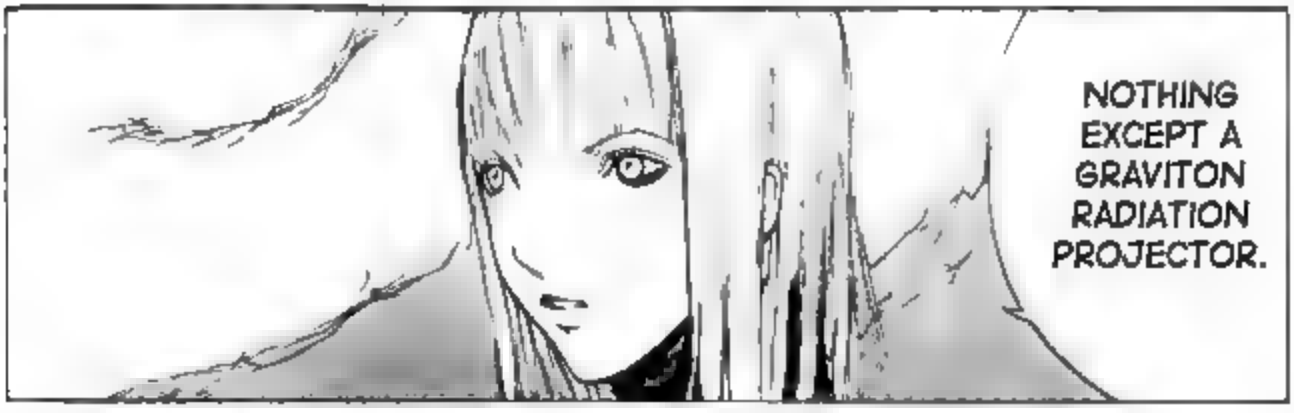


SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, I'VE WANTED TO RETURN TO THE WAY I WAS, BUT I'VE BEEN MISSING SOME MATERIALS.
LOOKS THAT WAY.

YOU AND I LOOK THE SAME, I THINK

IT'S IN THAT CLOUD

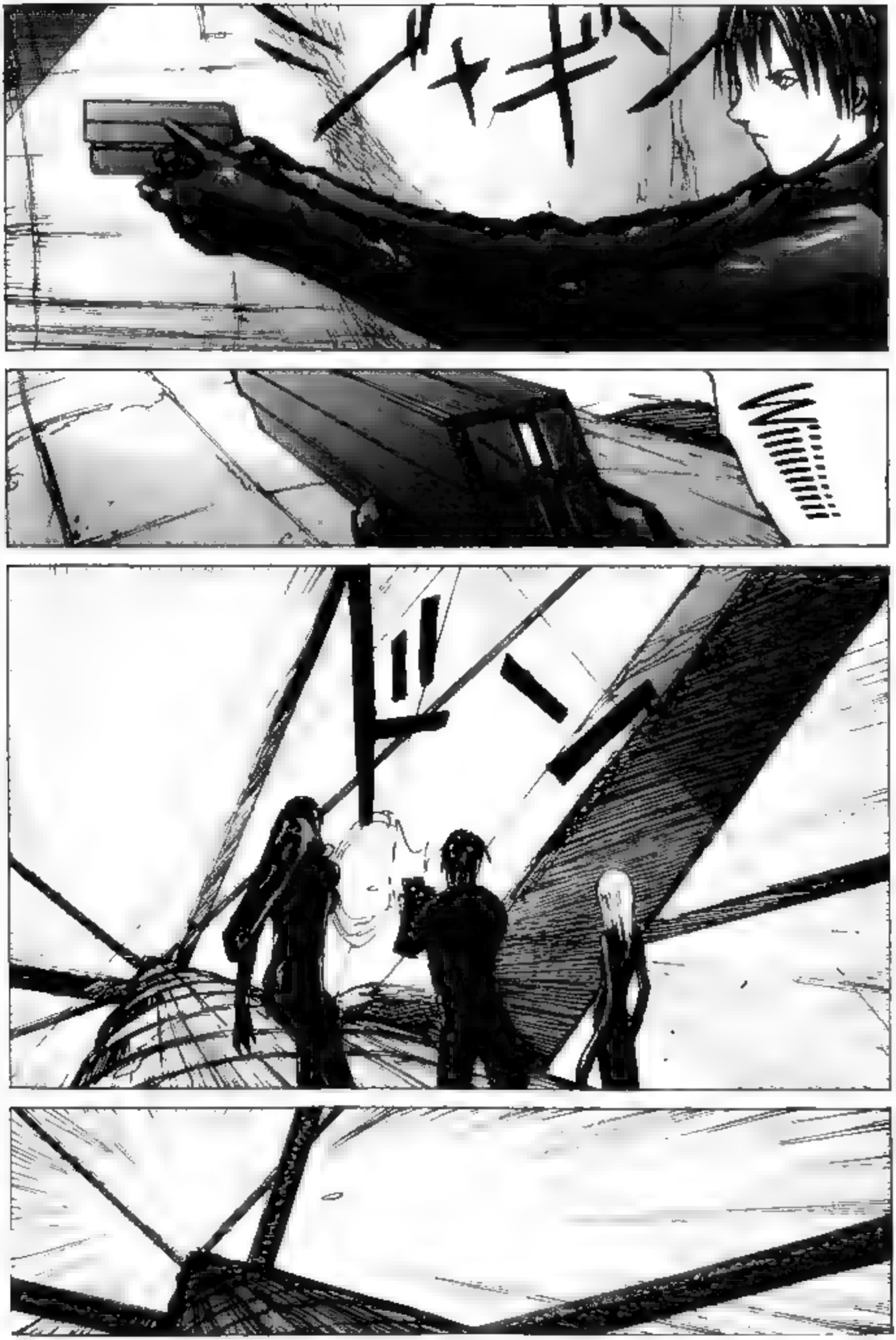
SOLID OBJECTS CANNOT INTERFERE WITH IT
THAT'S THE MAIN BODY OF THE GRAVITY FURNACE. AN IMPELLER FORMED WITH GRAVITONS.

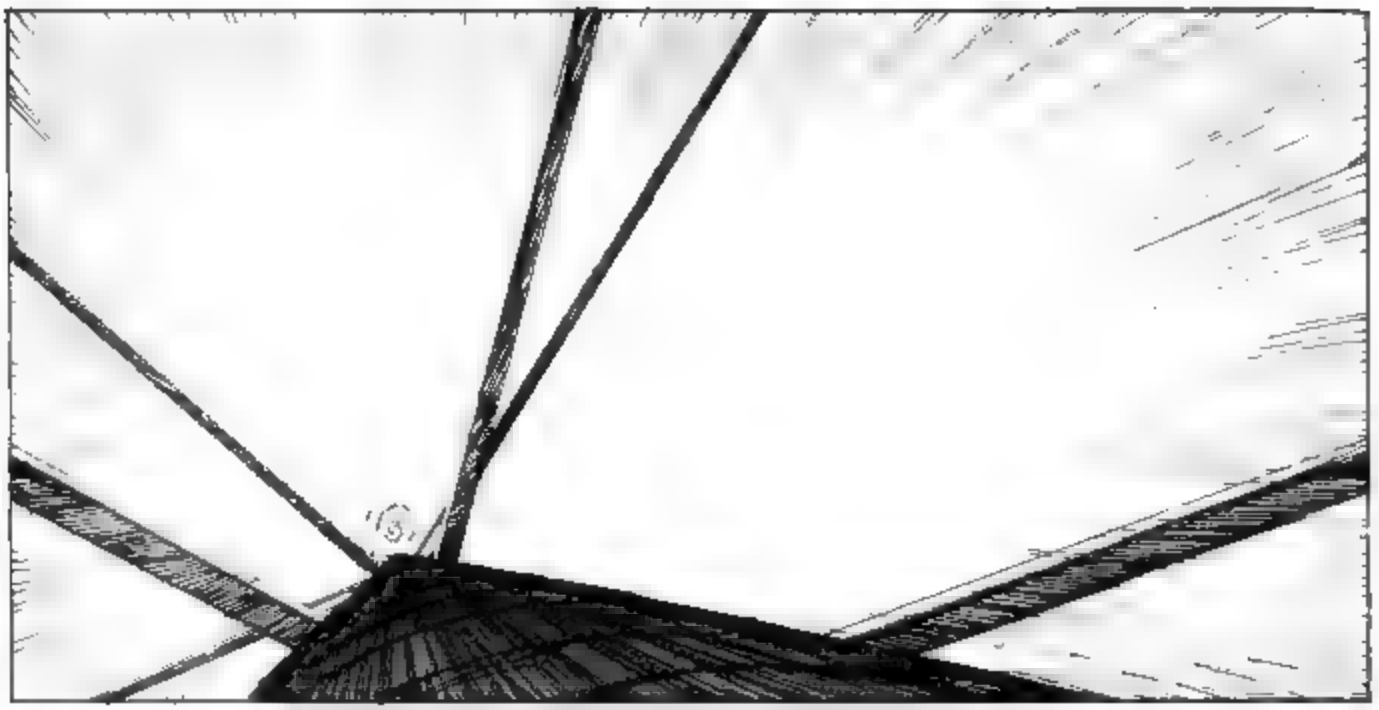

NOTHING EXCEPT A GRAVITON RADIATION PROJECTOR.

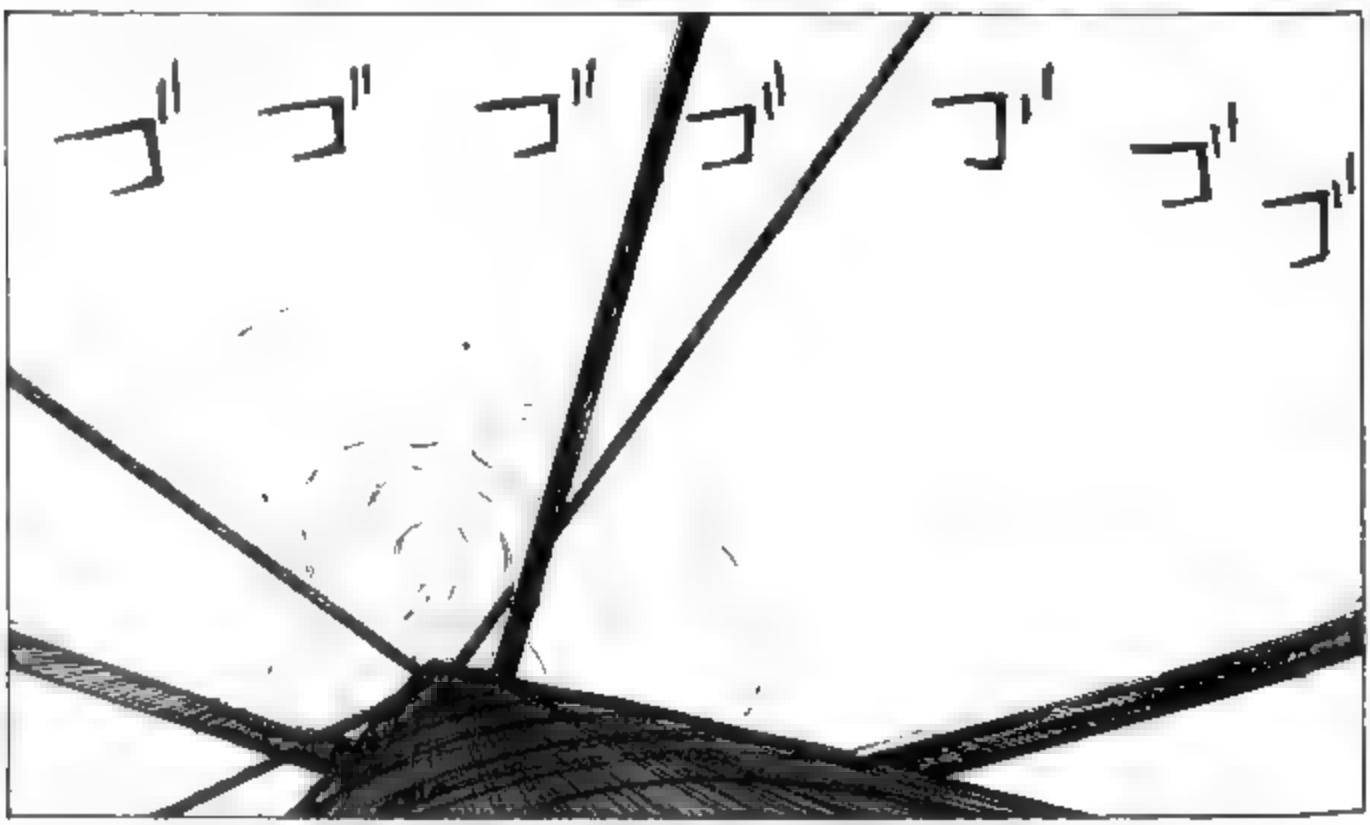
IT WILL THEN BE POSSIBLE TO GO TO AND FROM THE OTHER CAVES.

IF A HOLE IS OPENED IN THE IMPELLER, THE FURNACE WILL STOP FOR A MOMENT
THE HOLE WILL CLOSE AFTER A MOMENT OR TWO, BUT BEFORE IT DOES, SPACE WILL RETURN TO IT'S ORIGINAL STATE.

THAT'S RIGHT.
ANYWHERE WILL DO. OPEN A HOLE IN THE IMPELLER.



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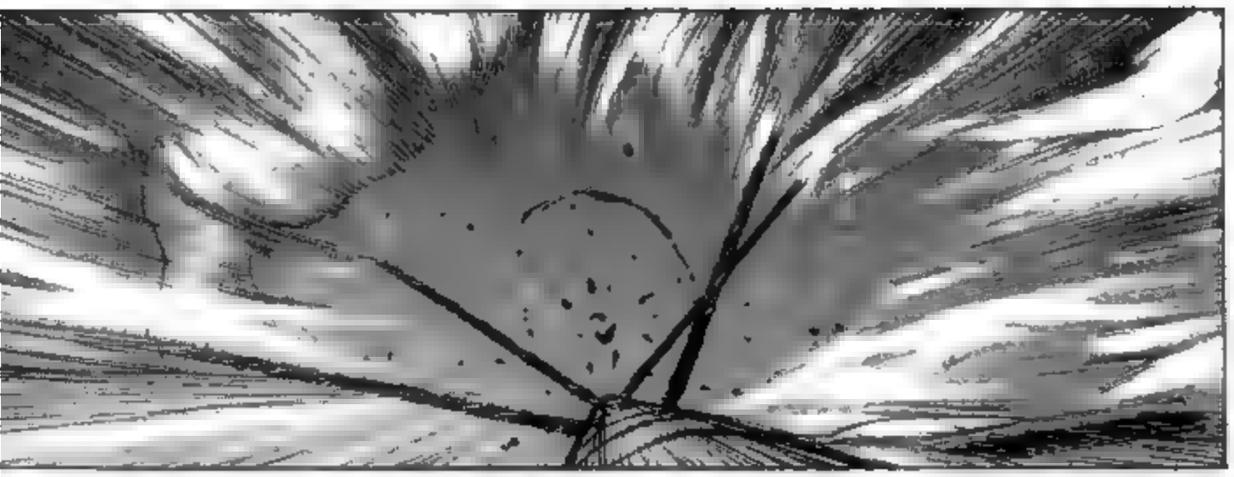

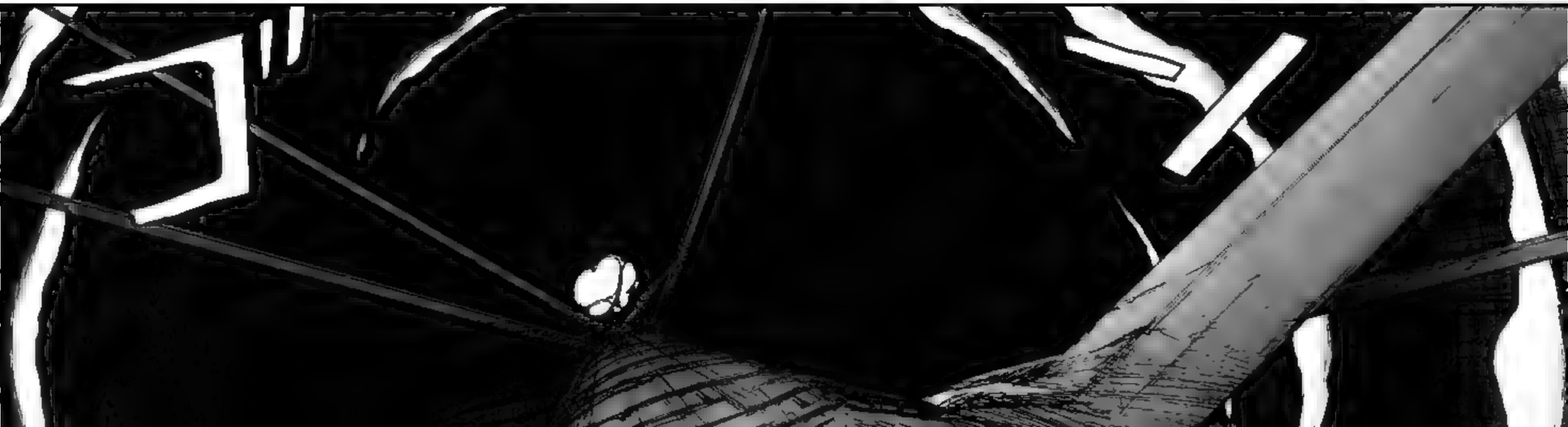

LOOK BEHIND US !
IT STOP-PED
A WALL !! THERE WASN'T ONE BEFORE !
IT'S BECAUSE SPACE IS CHANGING BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL STATE.
ANY SPACE NEXT TO IT WILL APPEAR NEXT

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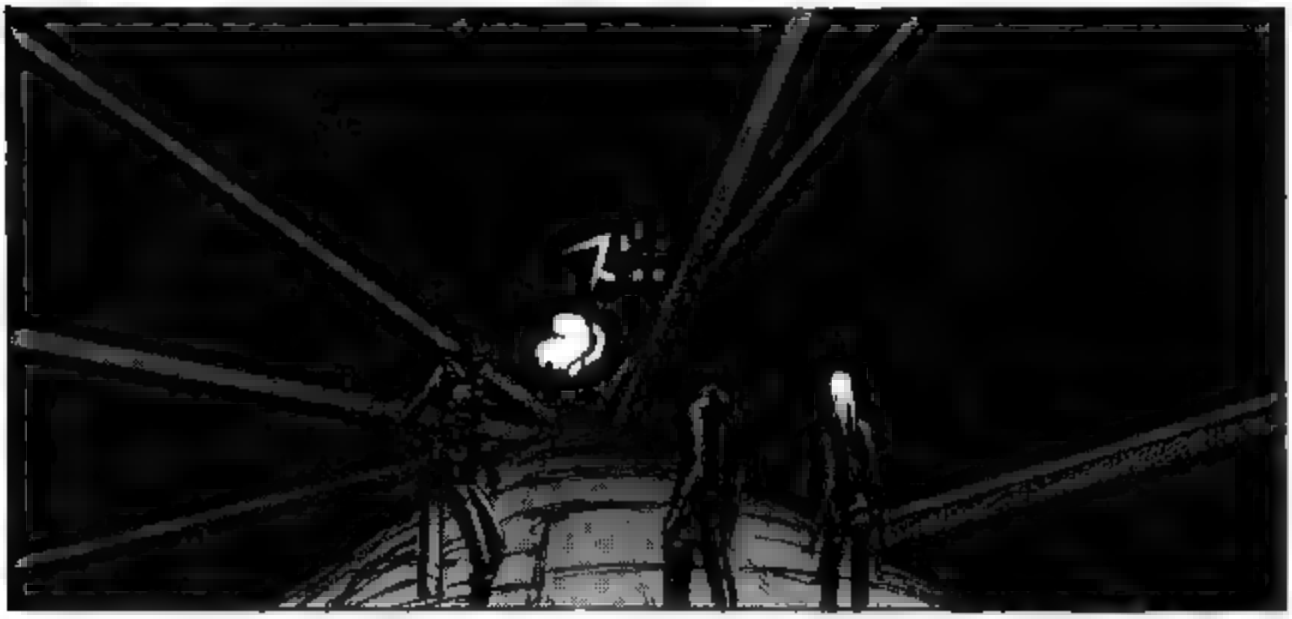
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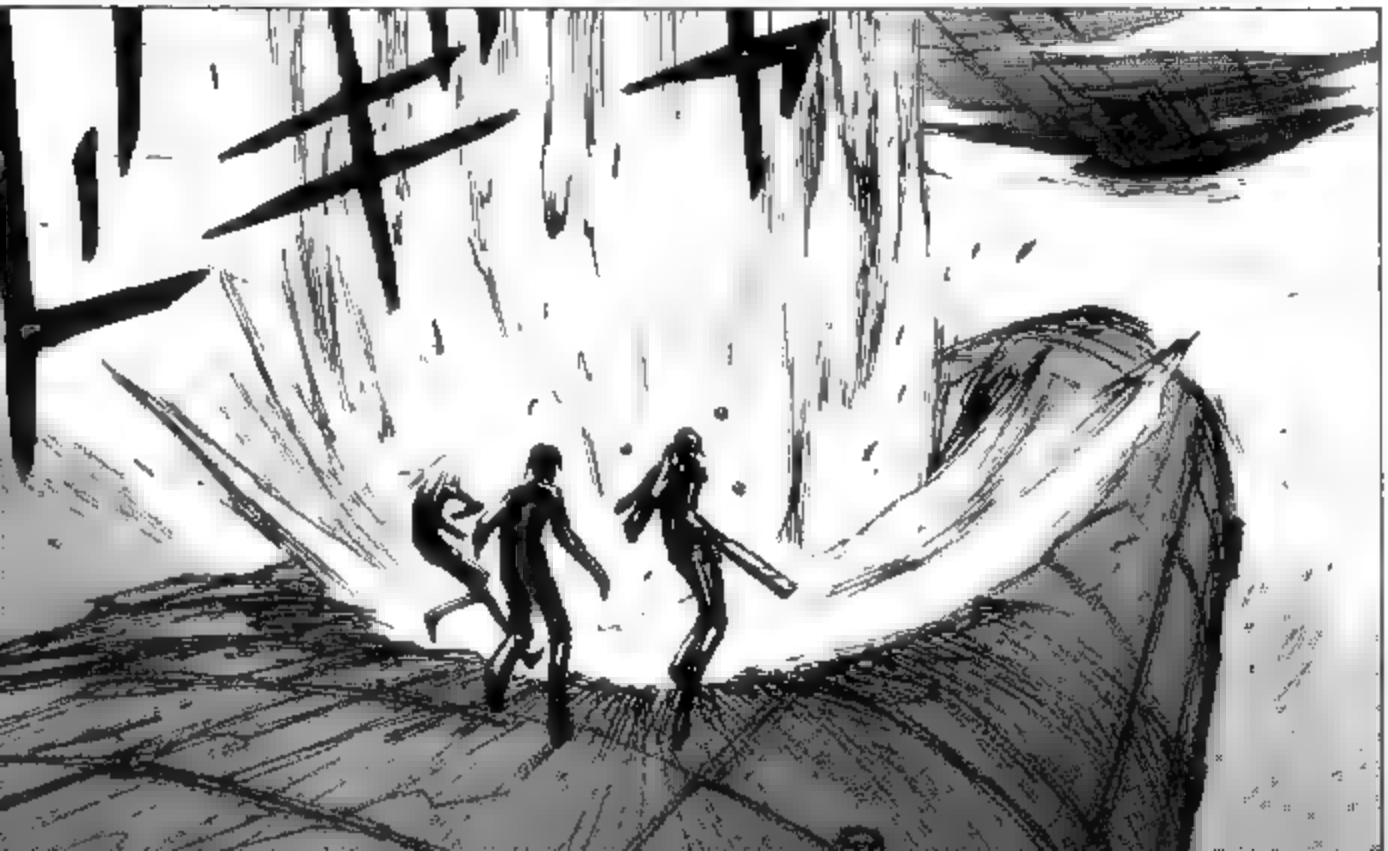
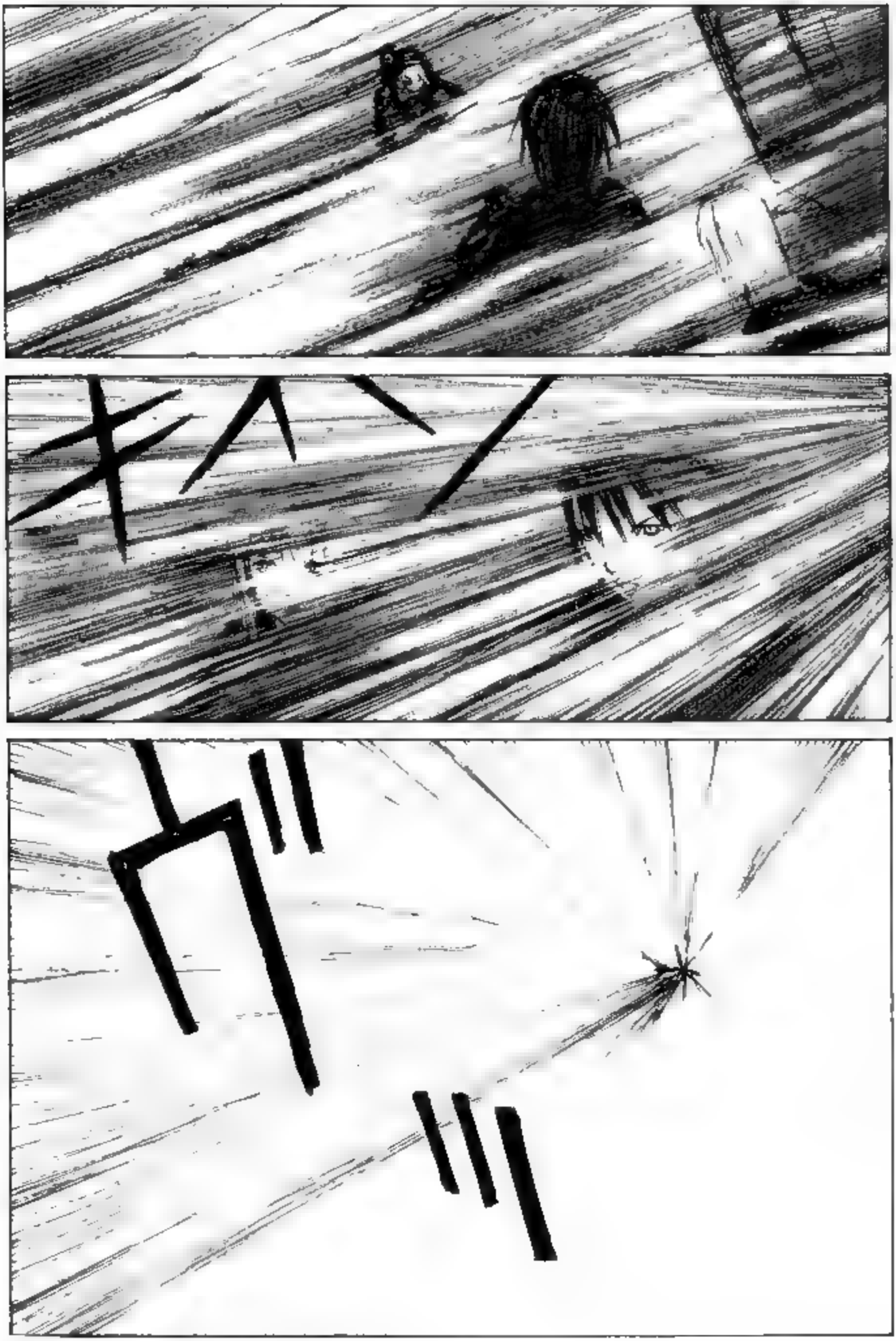
WE SHOULD HURRY
THE HOLE IS ALREADY CLOSING.



GET DOWN !

THE HOLE'S CLOSED! HURRY!

THE FURNACE HAS RE-STARTED !
THE SPACE IS CLOSING !



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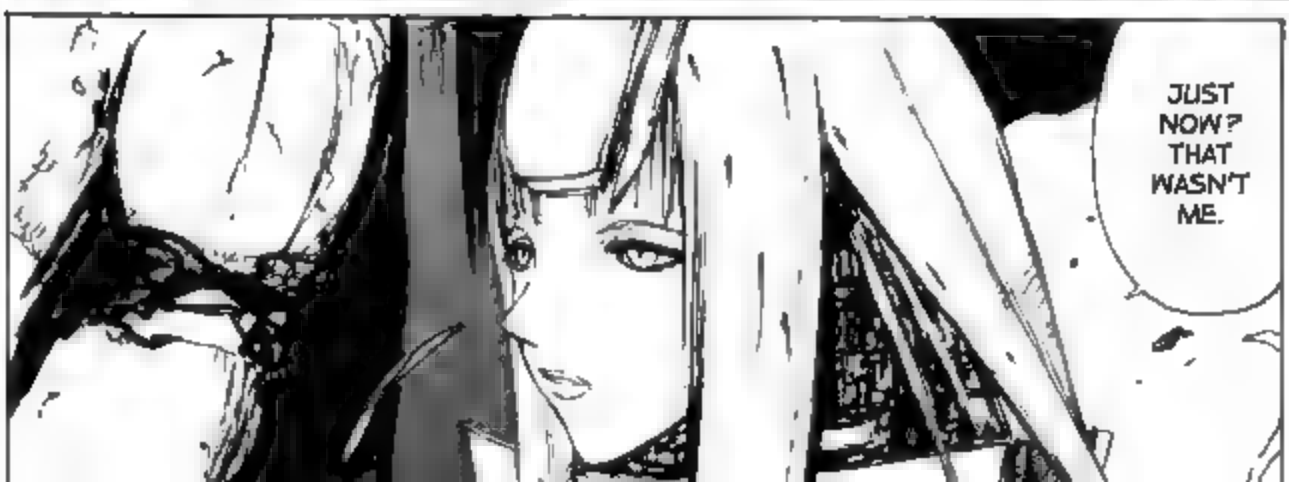
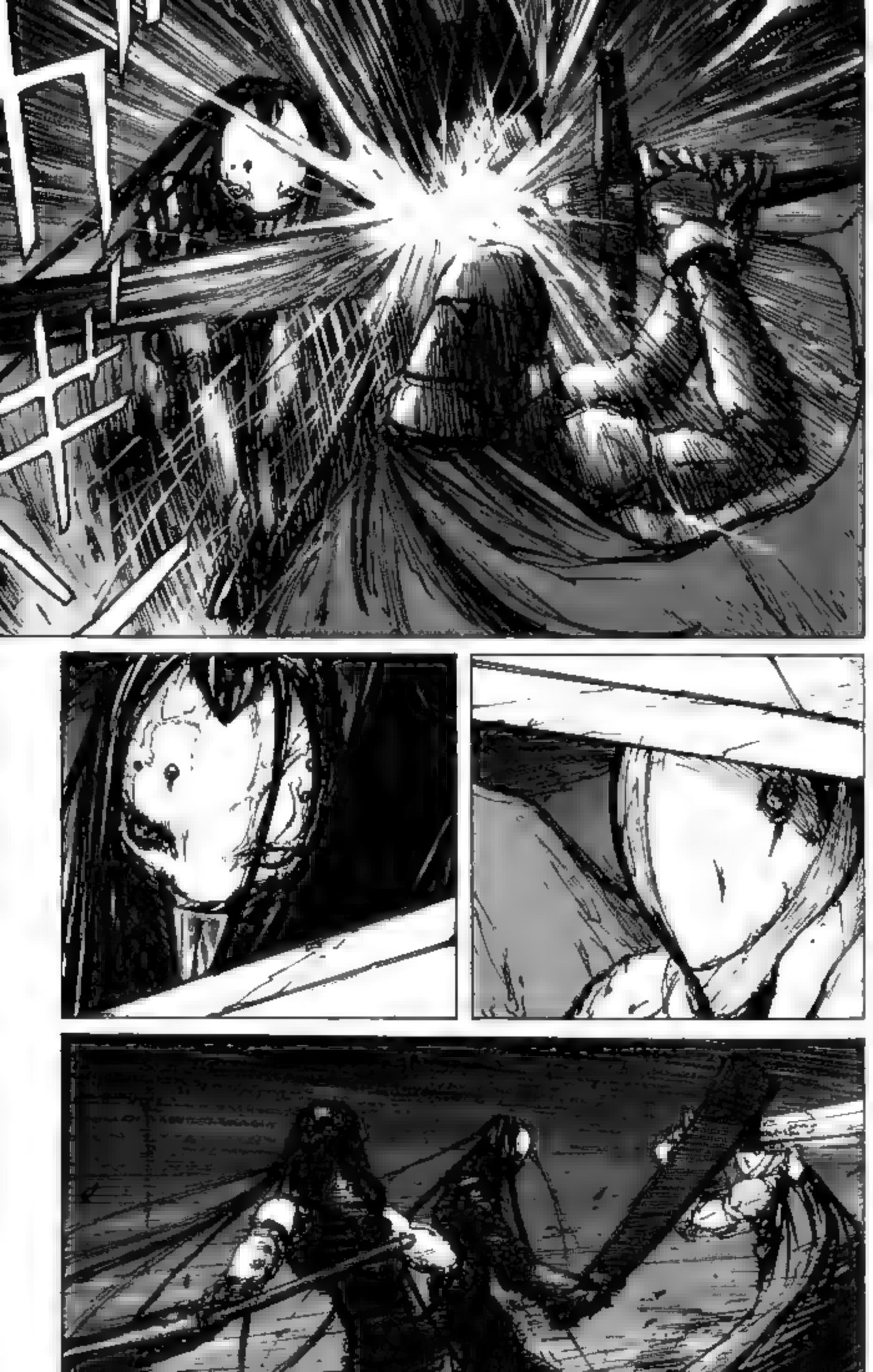
YOU'VE KILLED THEM FOR US, HUH?

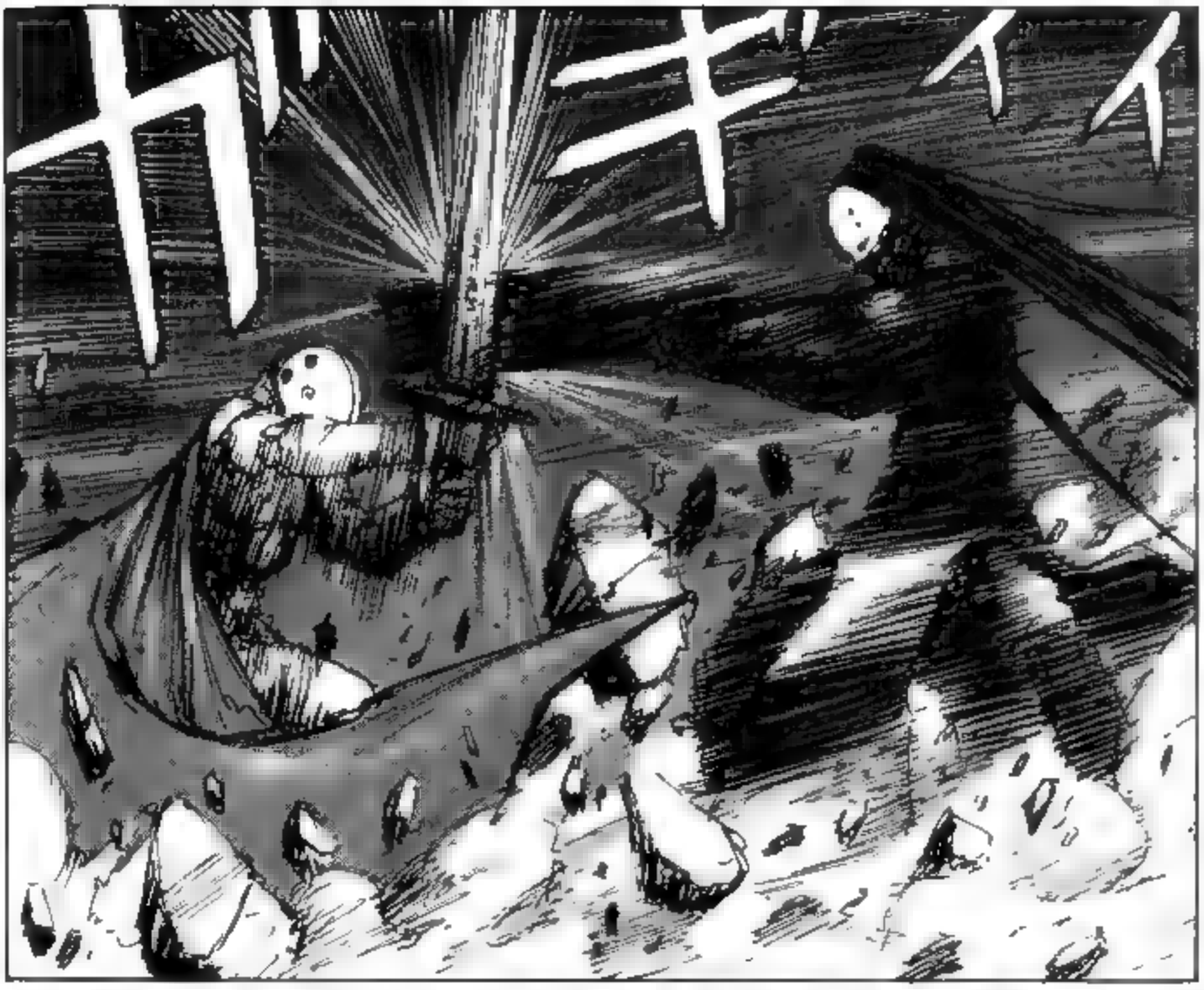

JUST NOW? THAT WASN'T ME.

READ FROM RIGHT TO LEFT.
HAND OVER THE COLO-NISTS.
MENSAB, HOW ABOUT YOU JUST GIVE UP.
SEU, REMOVE THE INVADERS.



A MAGNETIC RESTRAINT LINE! DAMN!

TSHRRRRRRRR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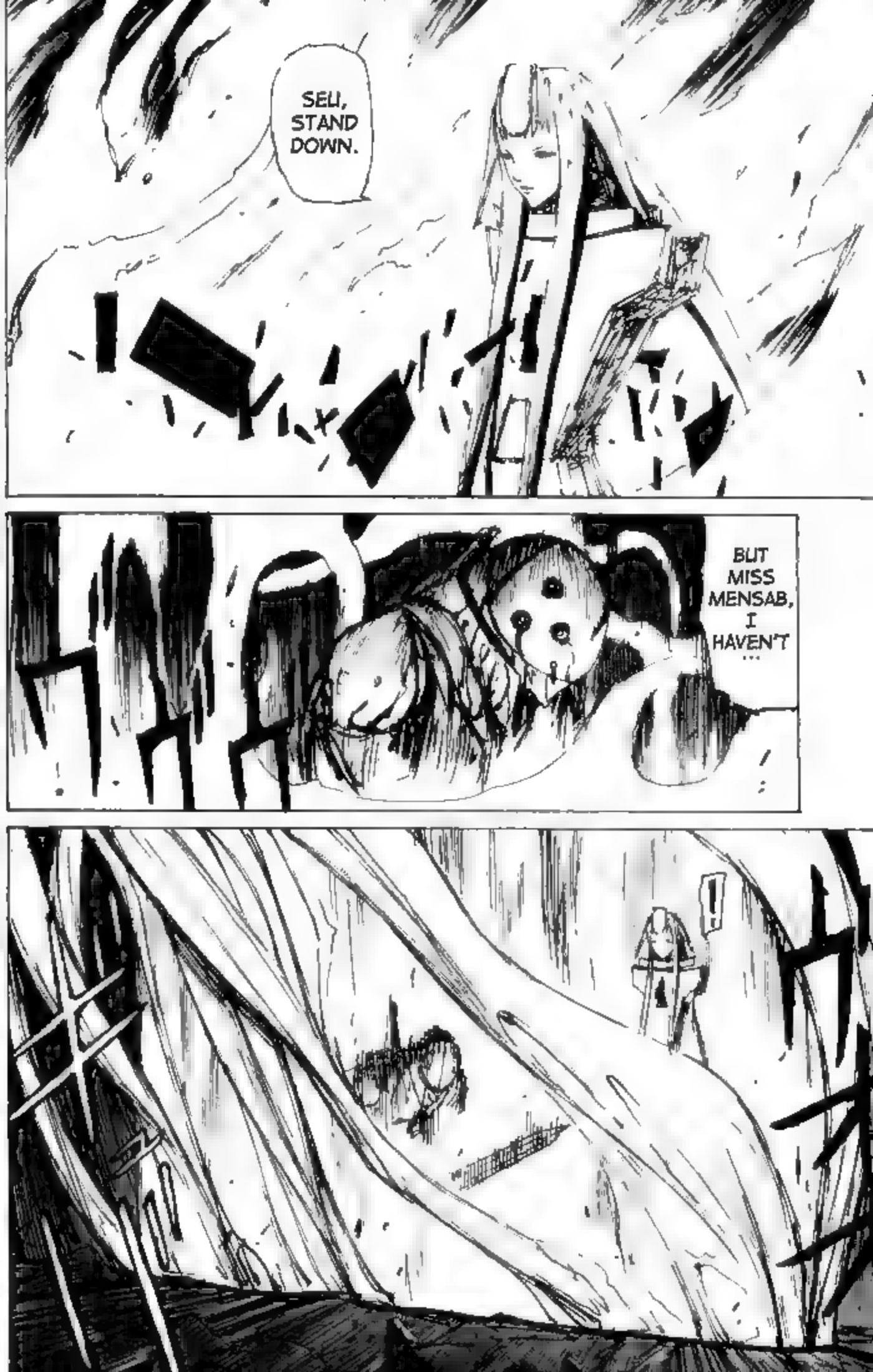
BASTARD!


SELI, STAND DOWN.
BUT MISS MENSAB, I HAVEN'T ...
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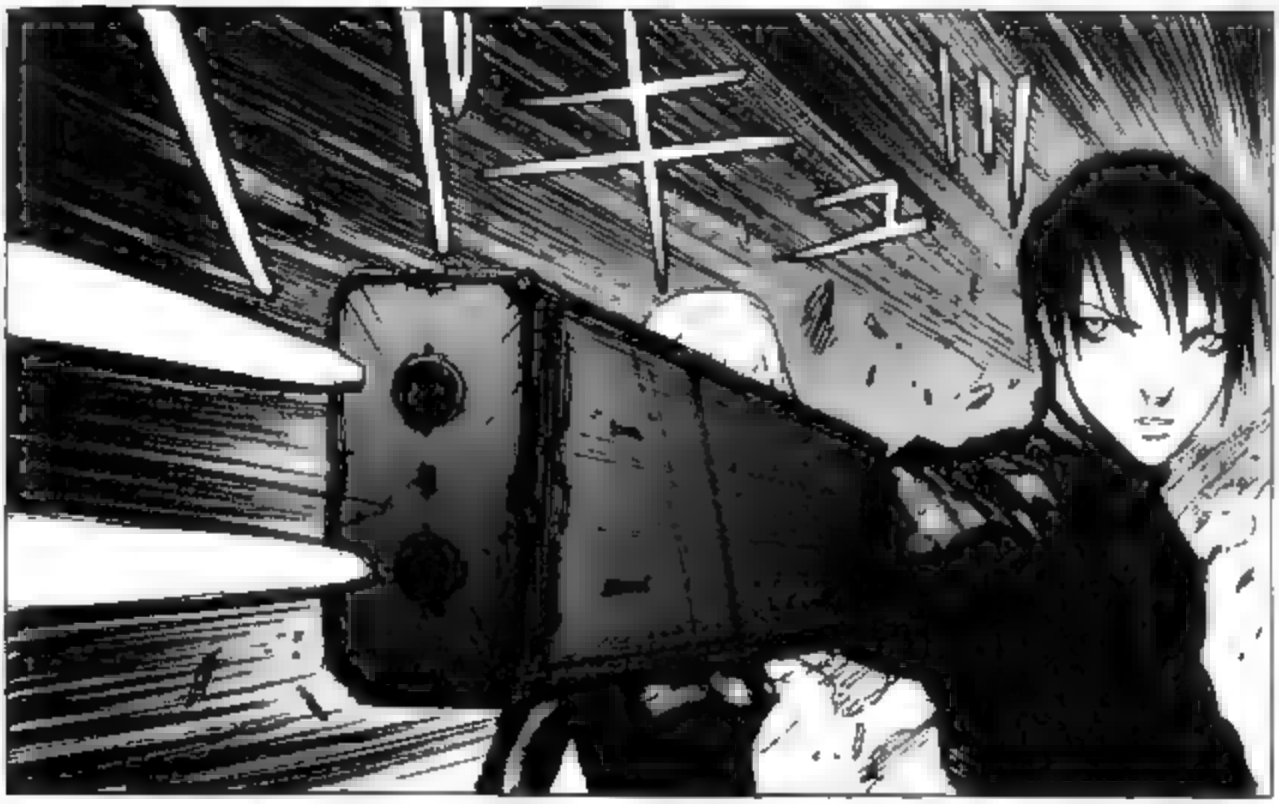
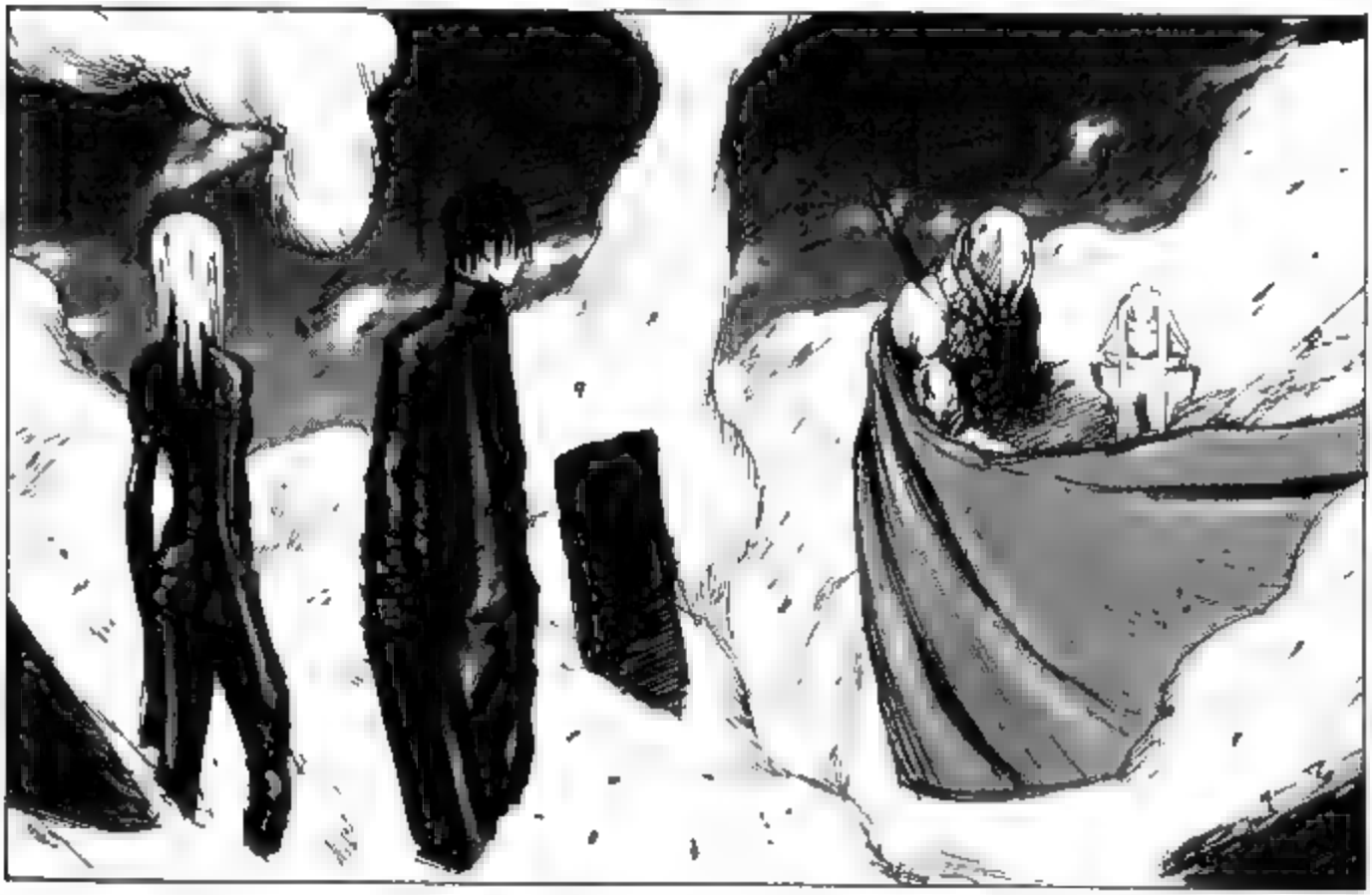
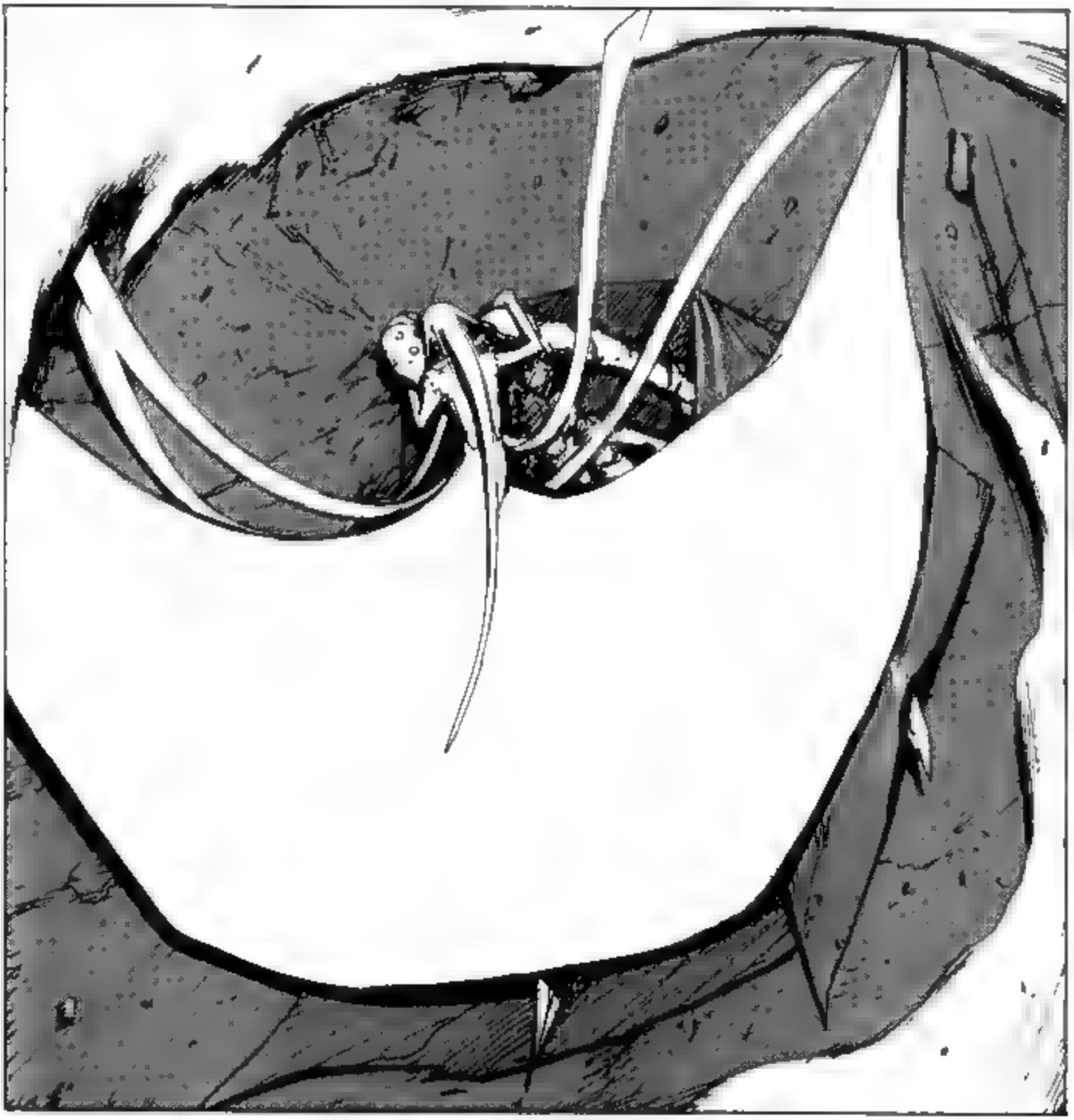
WE'VE RE-TURNED TO THAT TIME.
SHE'S TELE-PORTED US BACK.

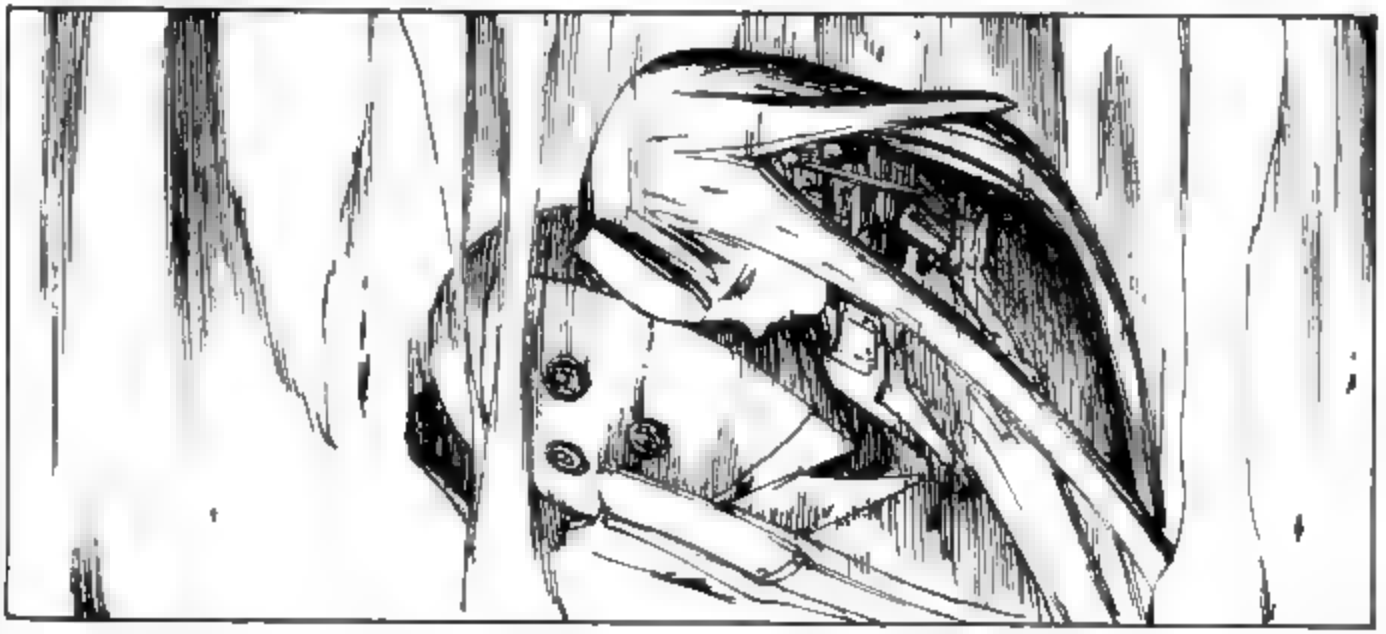


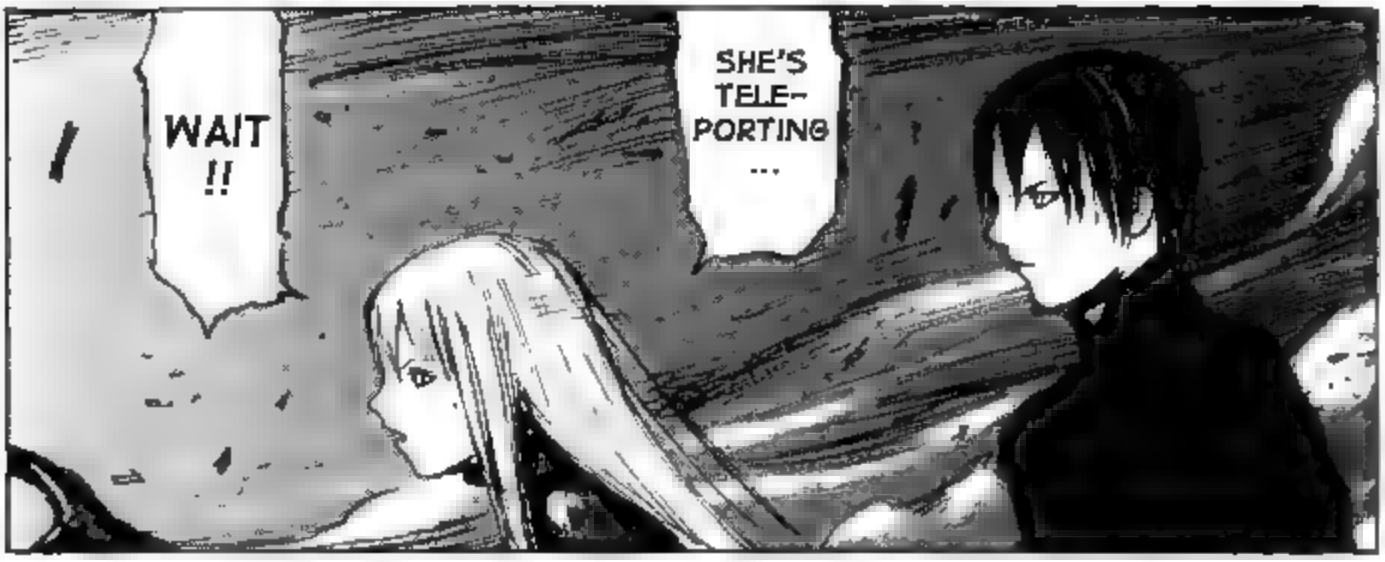
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?! WHERE DID YOU GET SUCH A ...

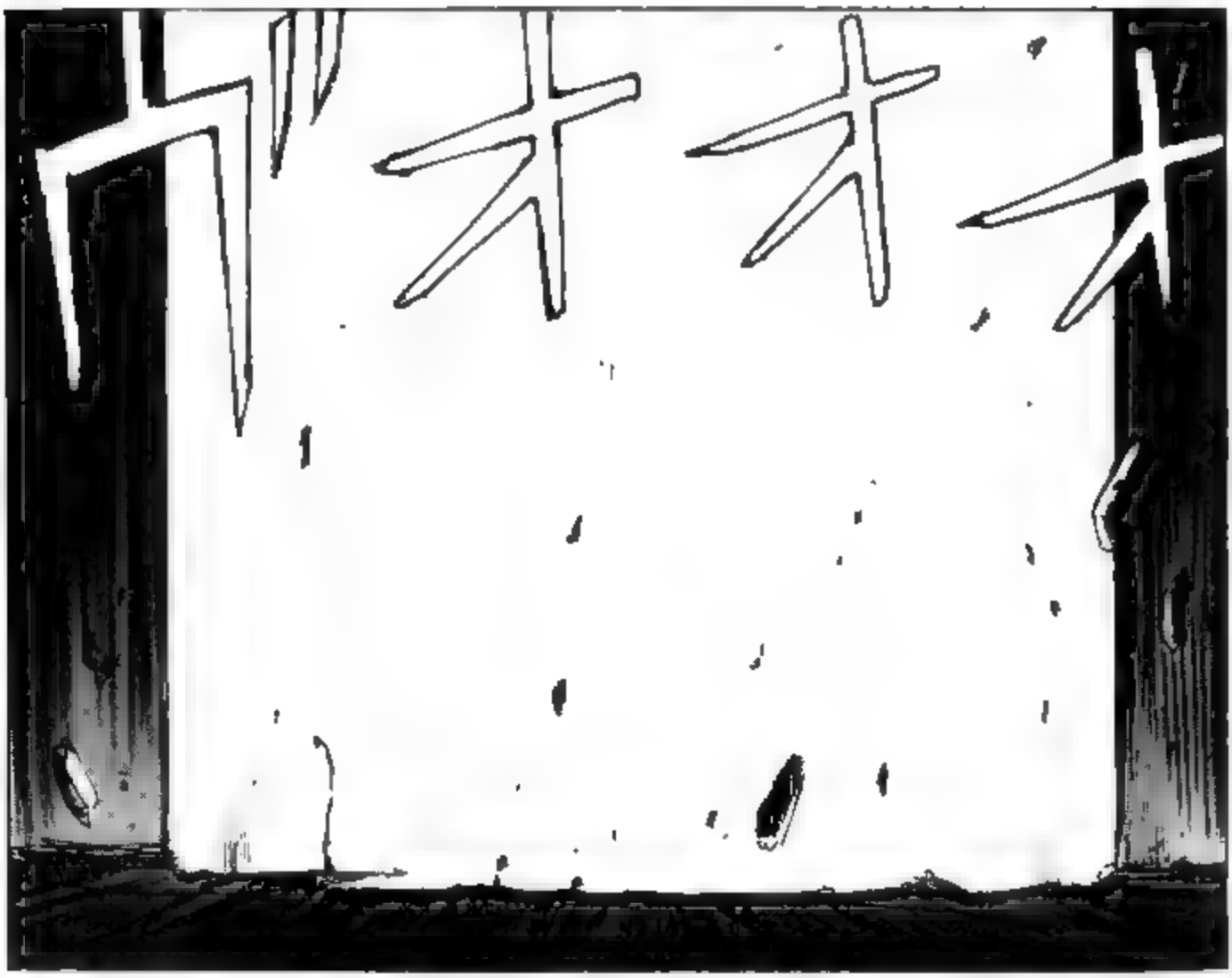


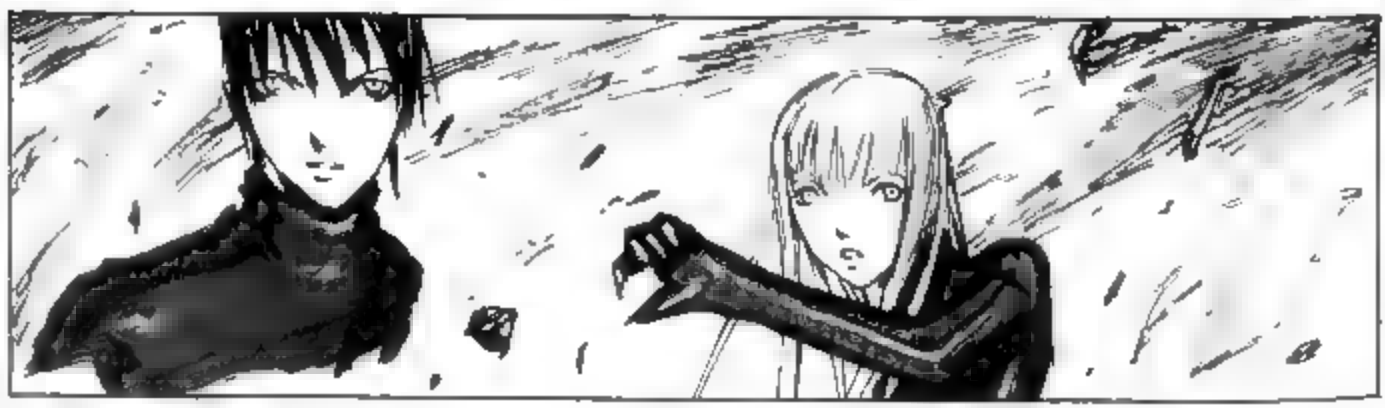
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME WE'VE SAVED YOU.
SEU.



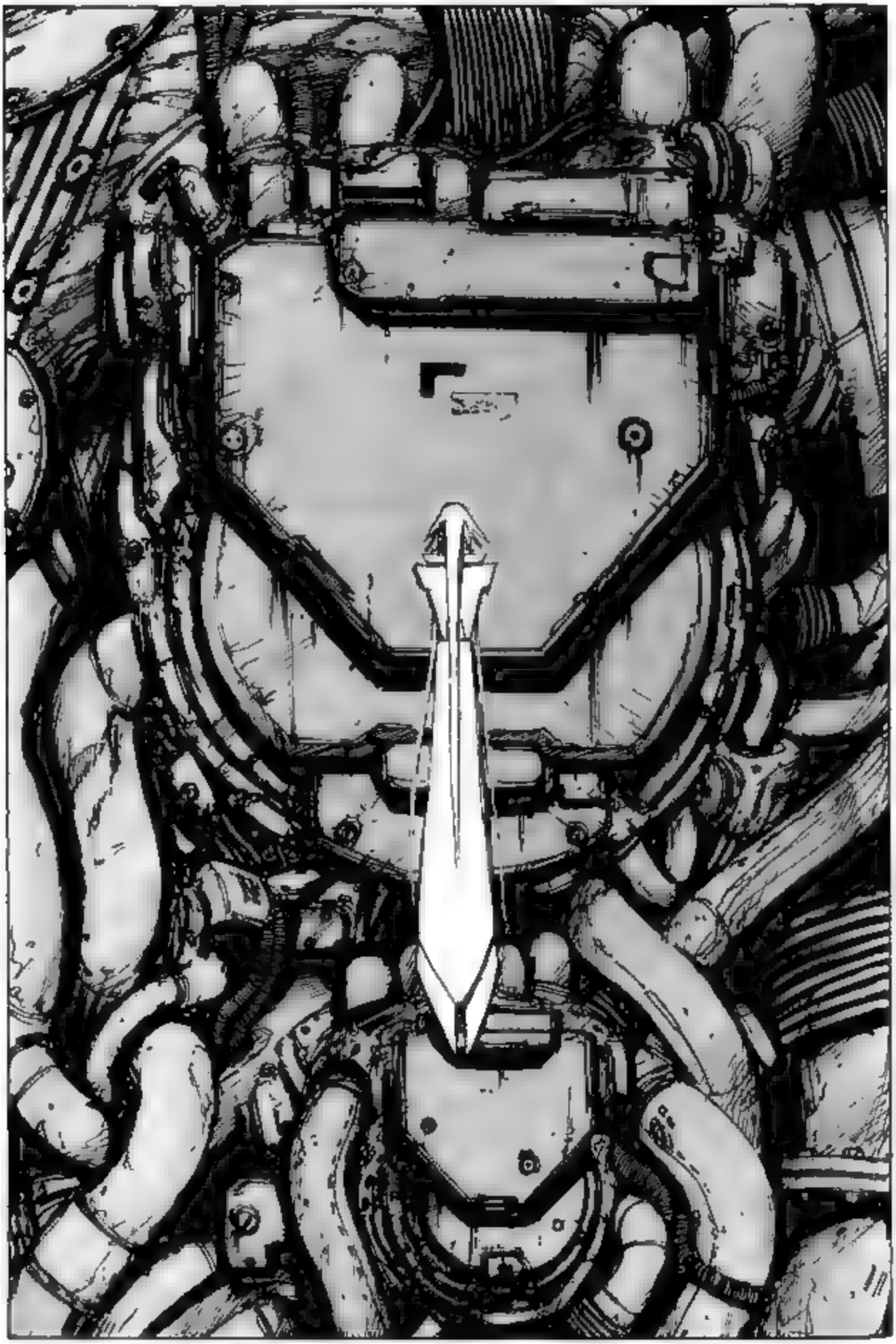



WAIT !!
SHE'S TELE-PORTING ...





LET'S FOLLOW HER.
I KNOW WHERE SHE'S GONE.



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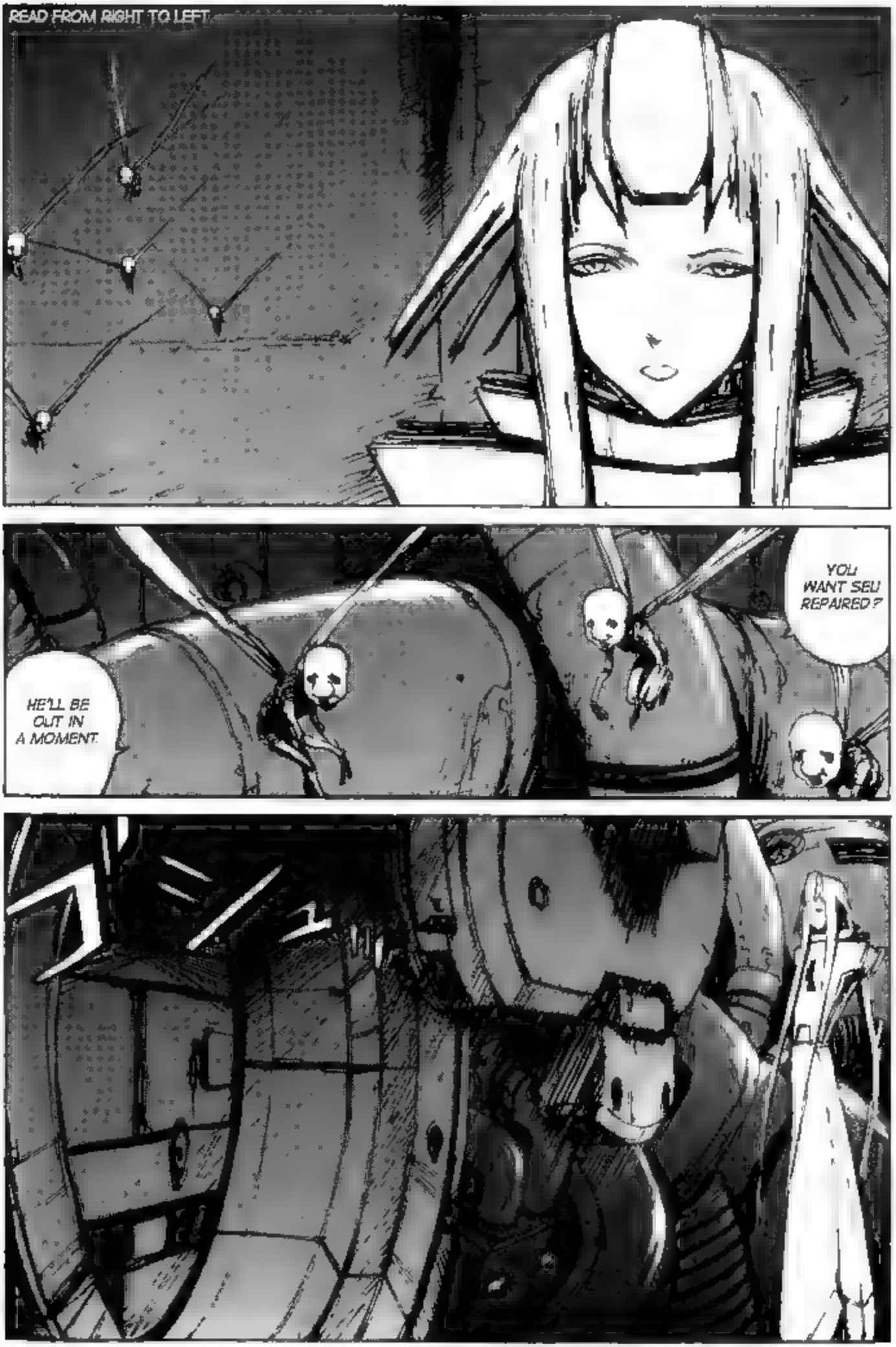
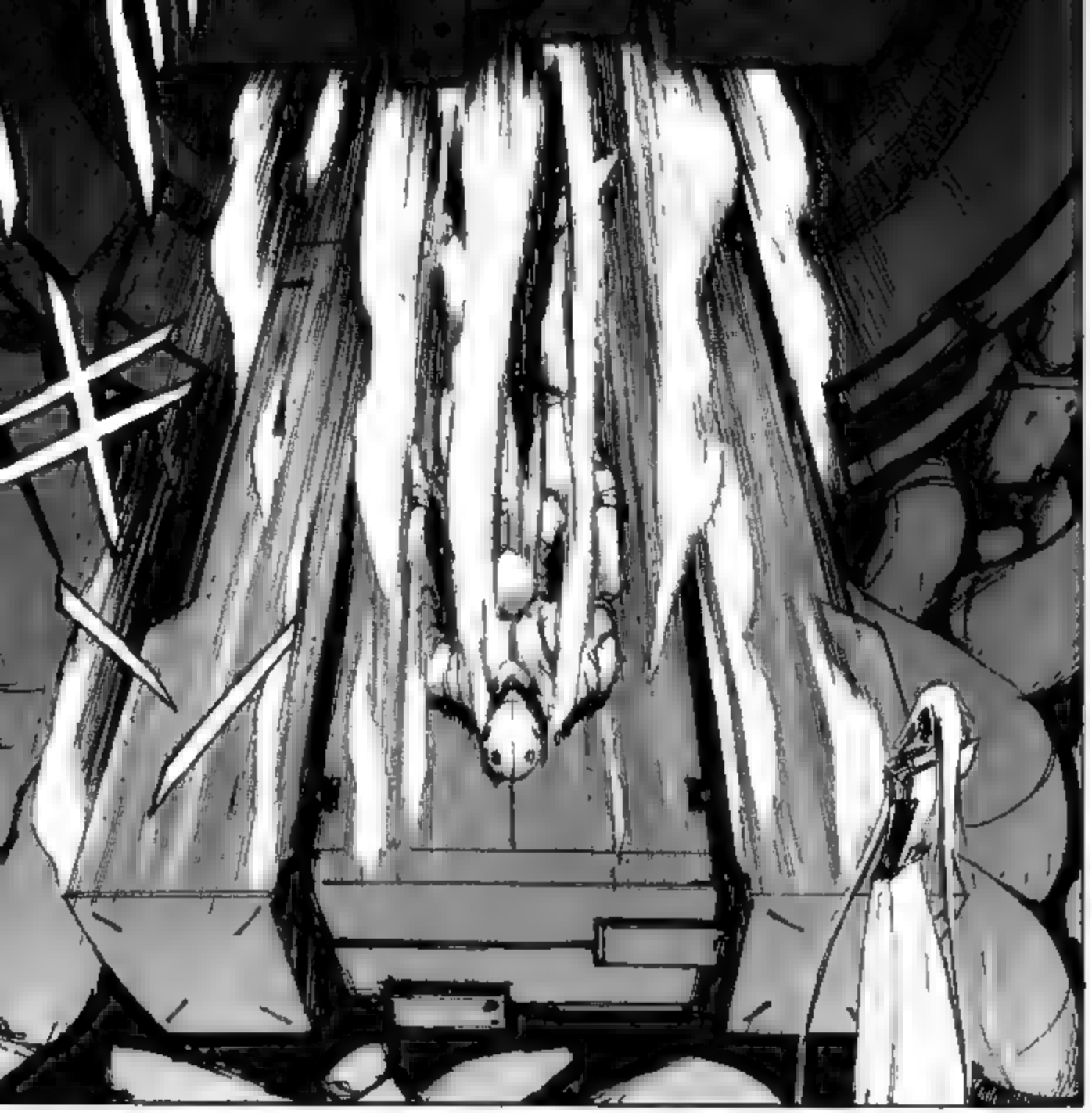
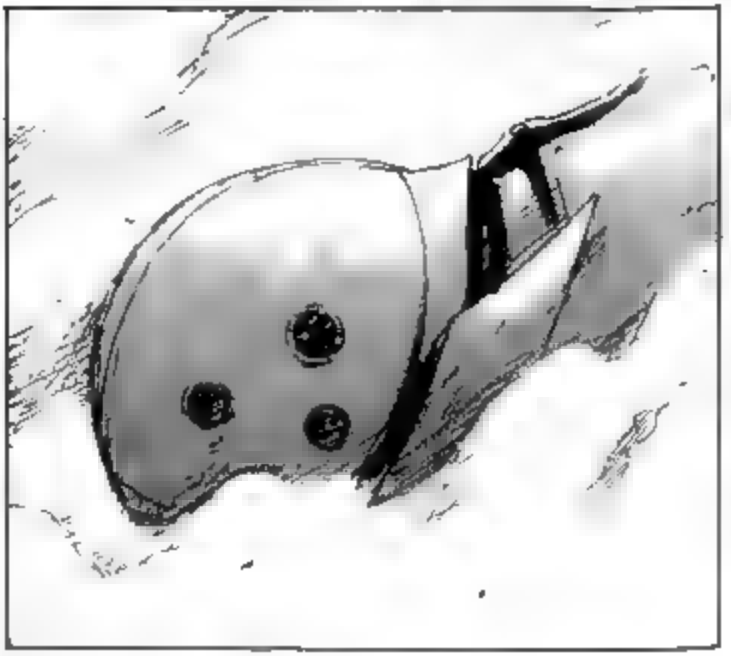
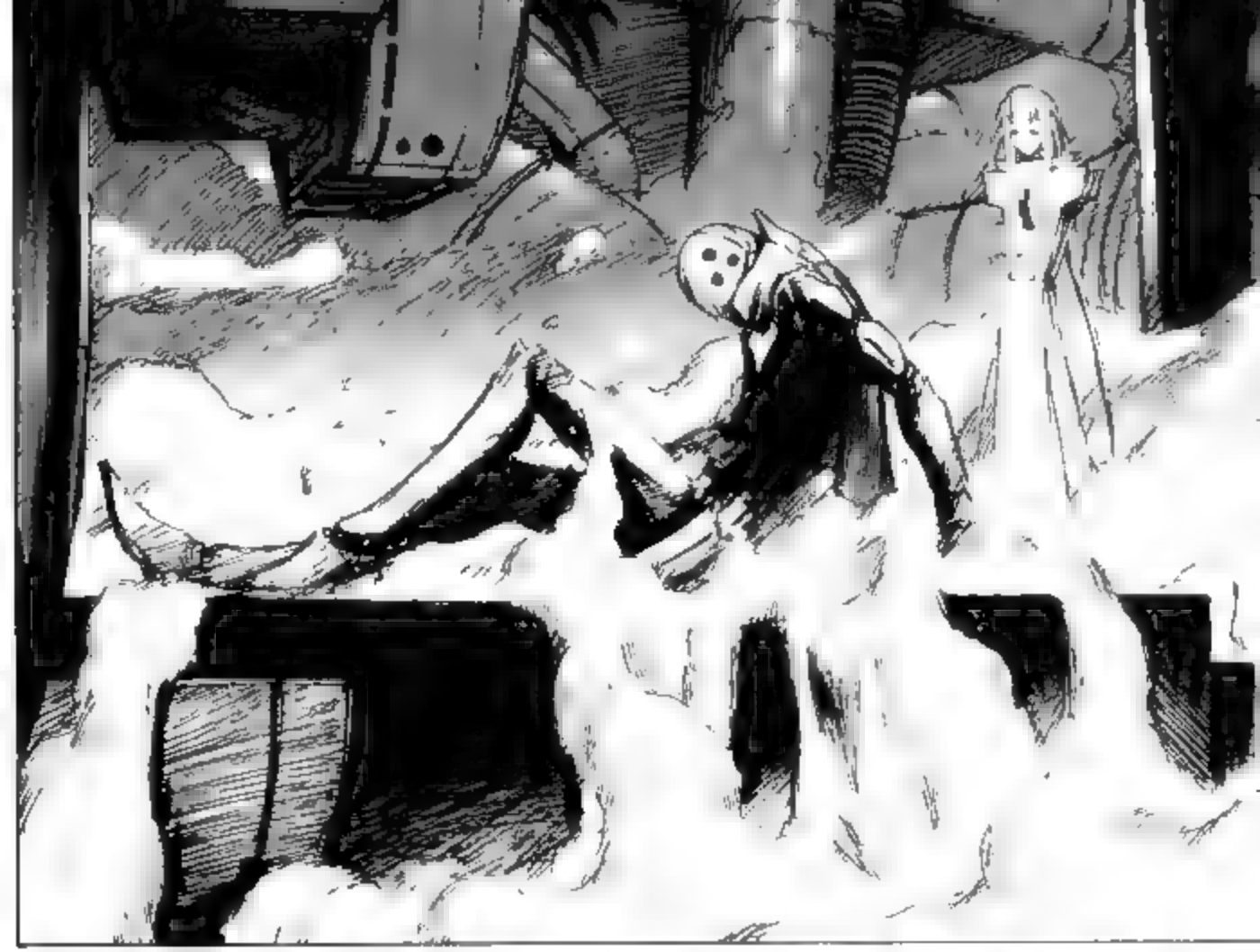
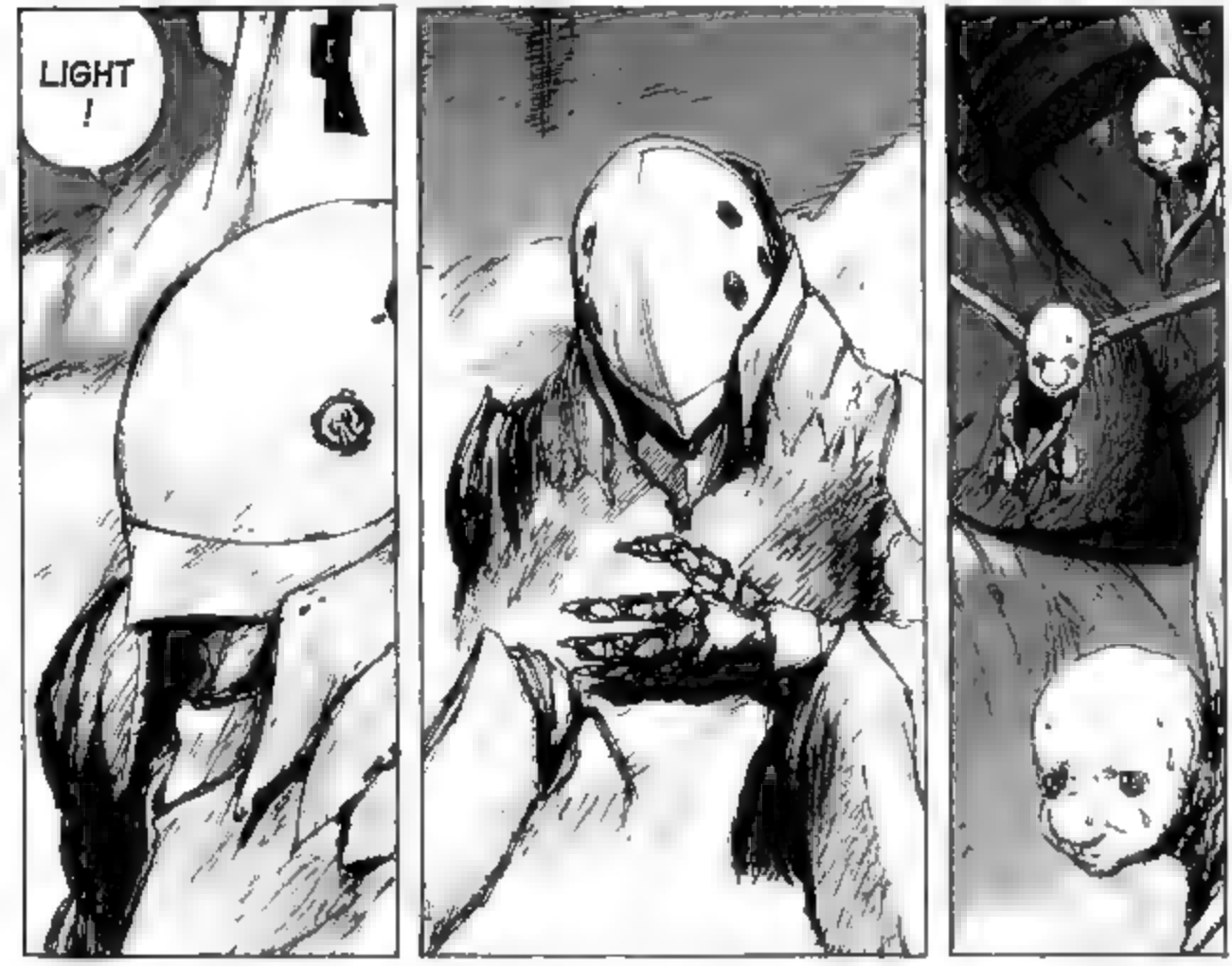

READ FROM RIGHT TO LEFT
YOU WANT SEU REPAIRED?
HE'LL BE OUT IN A MOMENT.








LIGHT
!

THIS IS A HAND. I CAN MOVE IT.
YOU'RE MENSAB
I SEE.
WHO AM I?

THAT MACHINE ONLY HEALS HIS WOUNDS.
SEU.. HE BECOMES DUMBER EVERY TIME
OH NO. HE'S WORSE THAN BEFORE.
FRIGHT-ENED.. SAD..
I KNOW I AM MISSING SOME-THING
I AM SEU.
YOUR NAME IS SEU.

Click
SOME-ONE IS COMING !

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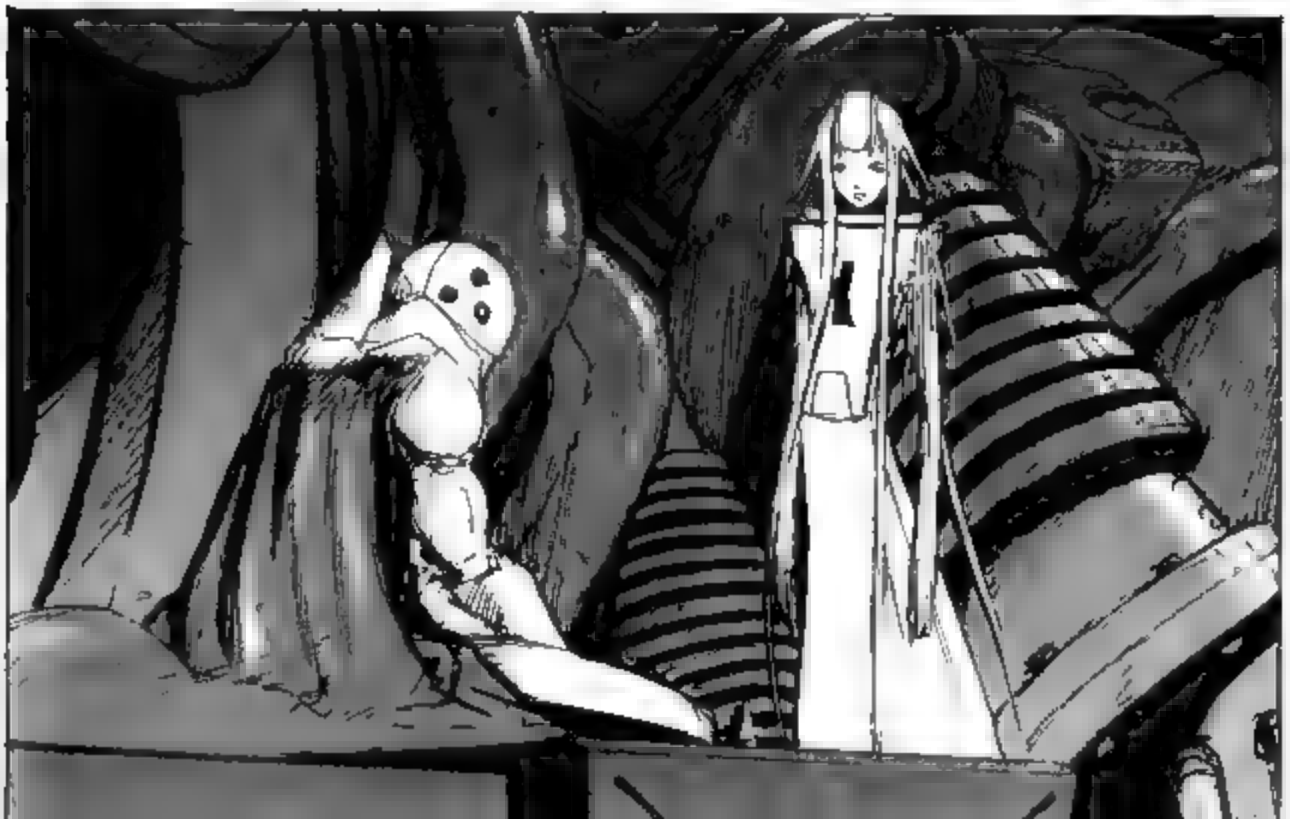
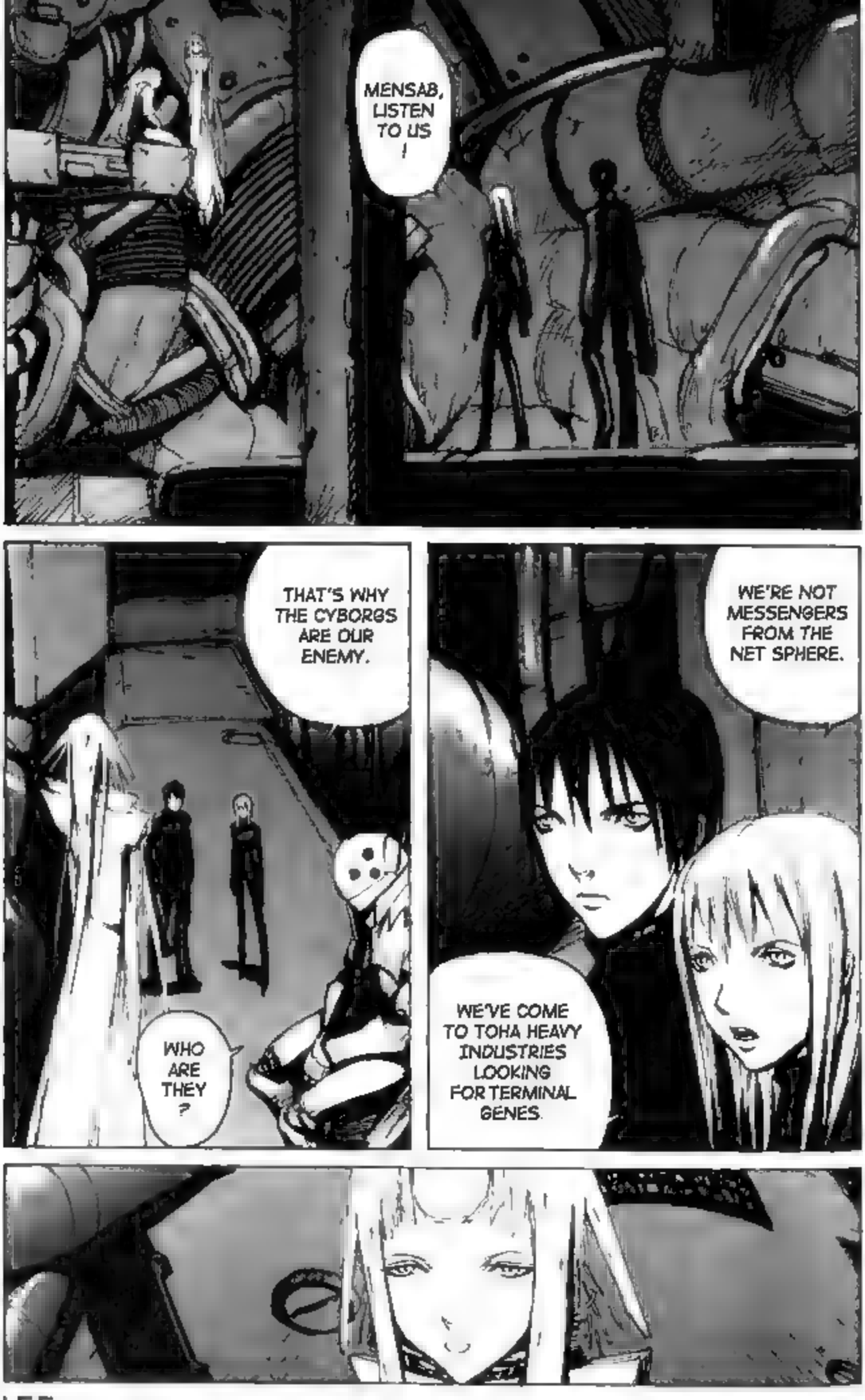


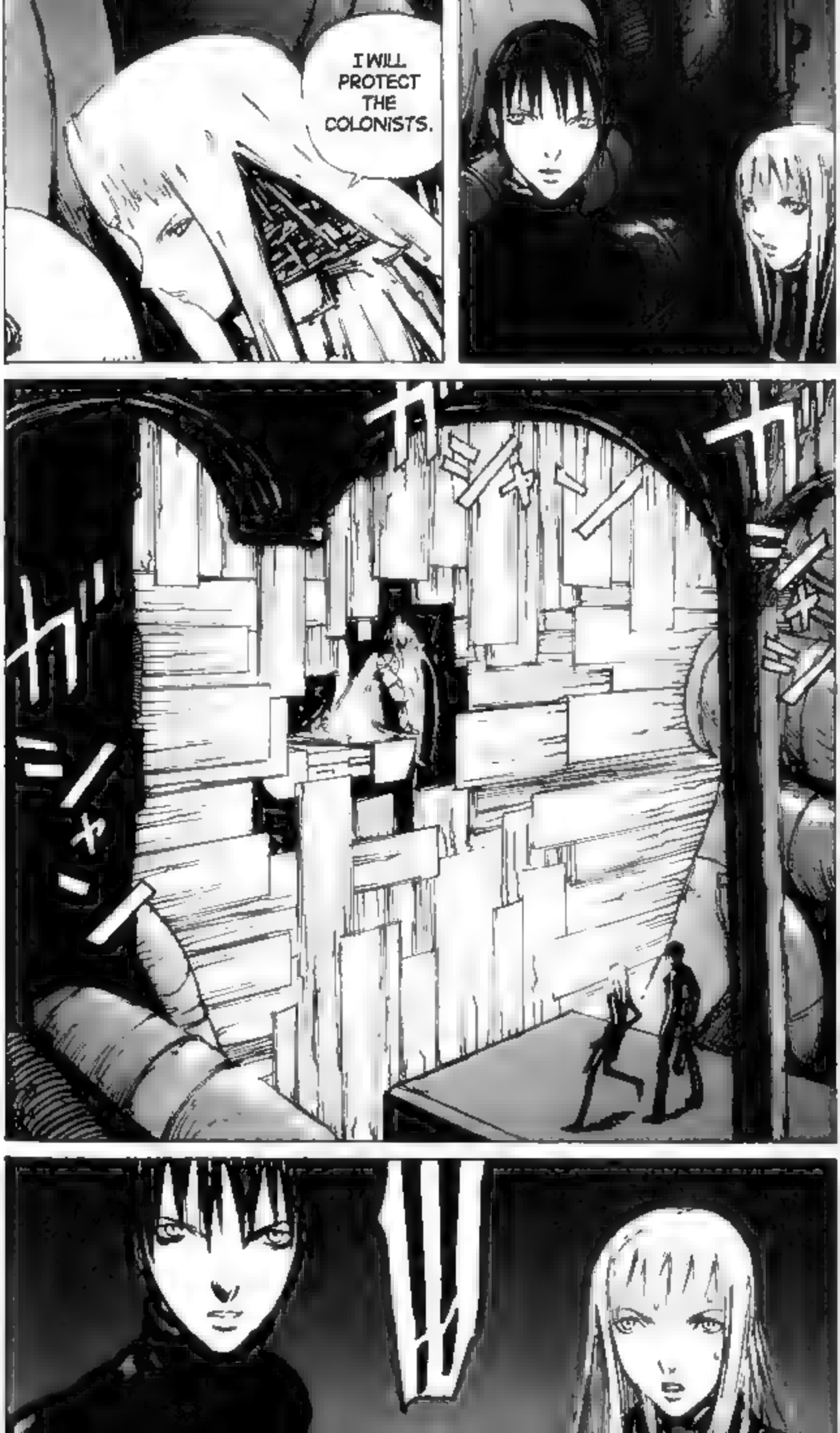

MENSAB, LISTEN TO US !
THAT'S WHY THE CYBORGS ARE OUR ENEMY.
WHO ARE THEY ?
WE'RE NOT MESSENGERS FROM THE NET SPHERE.
WE'VE COME TO TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES LOOKING FOR TERMINAL GENES.

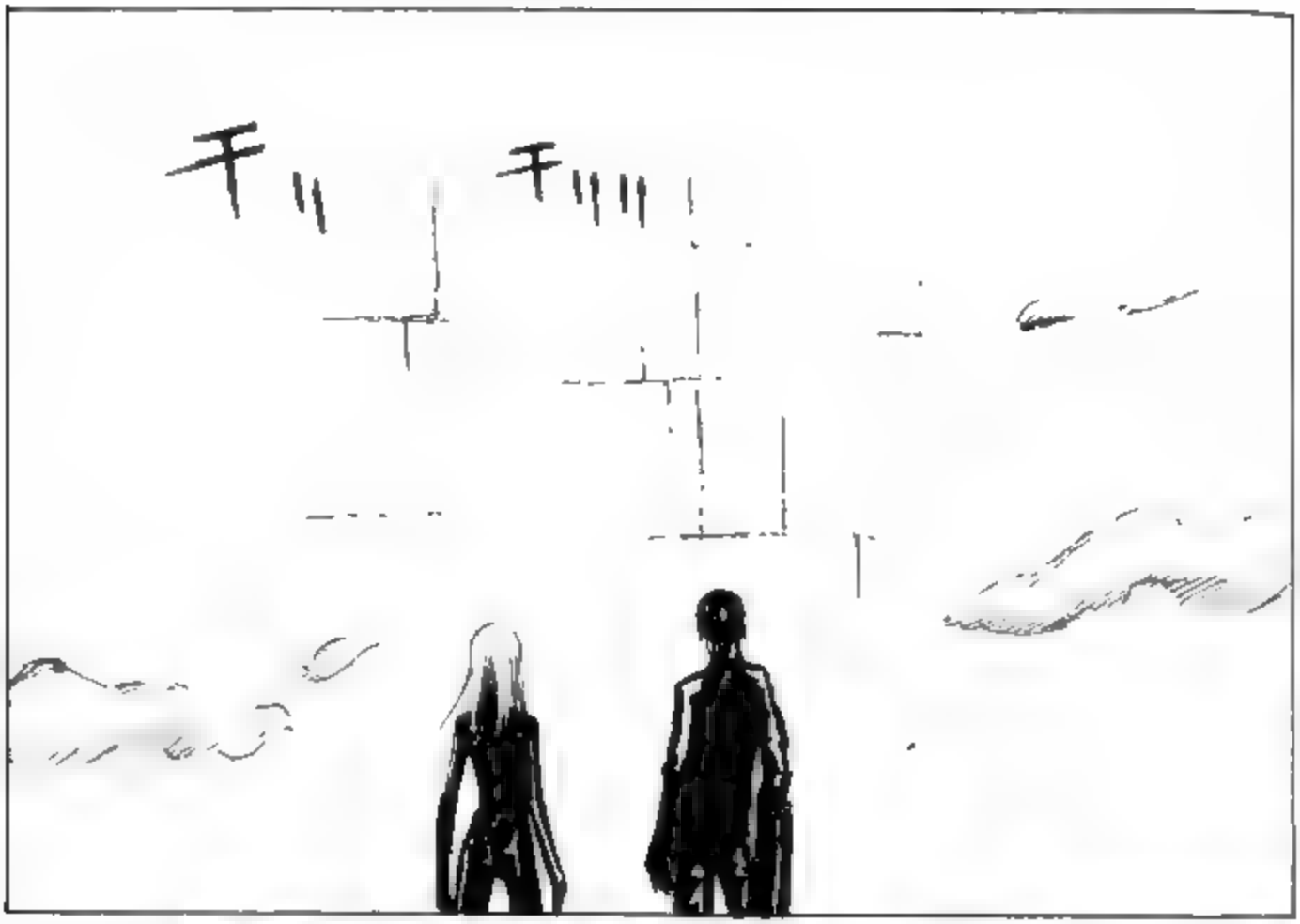
WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE FROM CAVE NUMBER 8 ?
RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE NO HUMANS IN THIS CAVE BESIDES SEU.
I TELE-PORTED THEM TO CAVE NUMBER 13.
I HAD NO CHOICE !
IT WAS TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE CONTAGION THE CYBORGS BROUGHT
YOUR TELE-PORTATION MUST HAVE BEEN IN-COMPLETE.

THERE WAS NO ONE RESIDING IN CAVE 13, SO IT WAS UNCONTAMINATED.
THE CYBORGS ATTACKED ALL THE CAVES SIMUL-TANEOUSLY...
...ONLY THE RESIDENTS OF THIS CAVE SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED.
WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE OTHER CAVES ?
CENTRAL REFUSED TO NATURALIZE THE HUMANS, BUT I SENT THEM TO CAVE 13 ANYWAY.
I KNOW.
THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOME PEOPLE WHO ENTERED THIS CAVE SHORTLY BEFORE US.

TSHHH
CENTRAL?!? IS THAT AN AI TOO ?

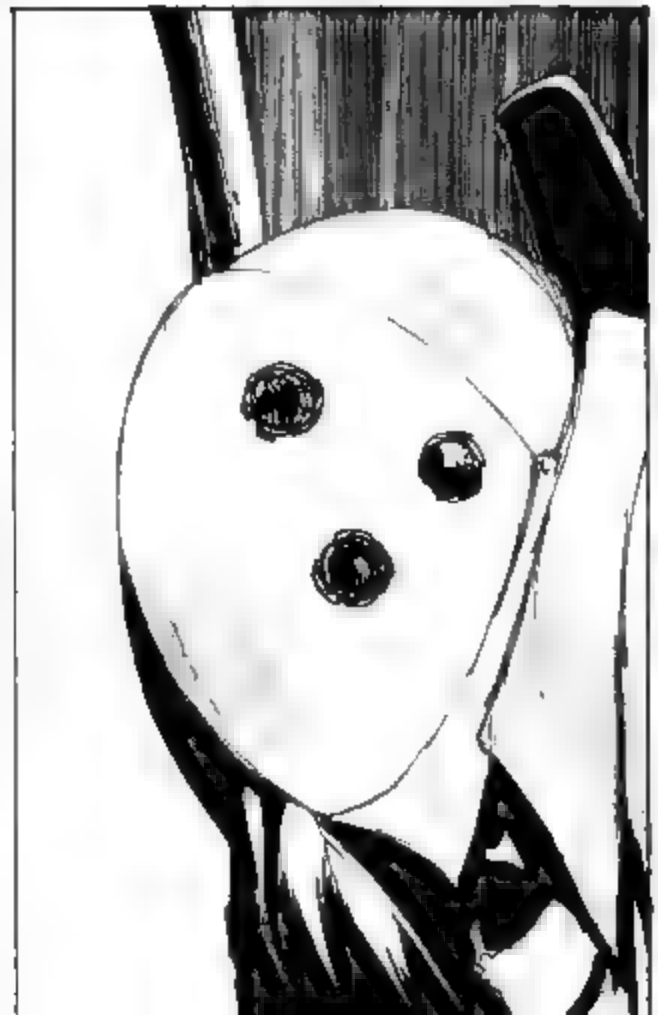
IT'S ALRIGHT, SEU. LET'S GO.
IT'S THE CYBORG'S POISON THAT'S DONE THIS TO YOU!
I WON'T FORGIVE CENTRAL FOR INTERFERING WITH YOUR RESTORATION.

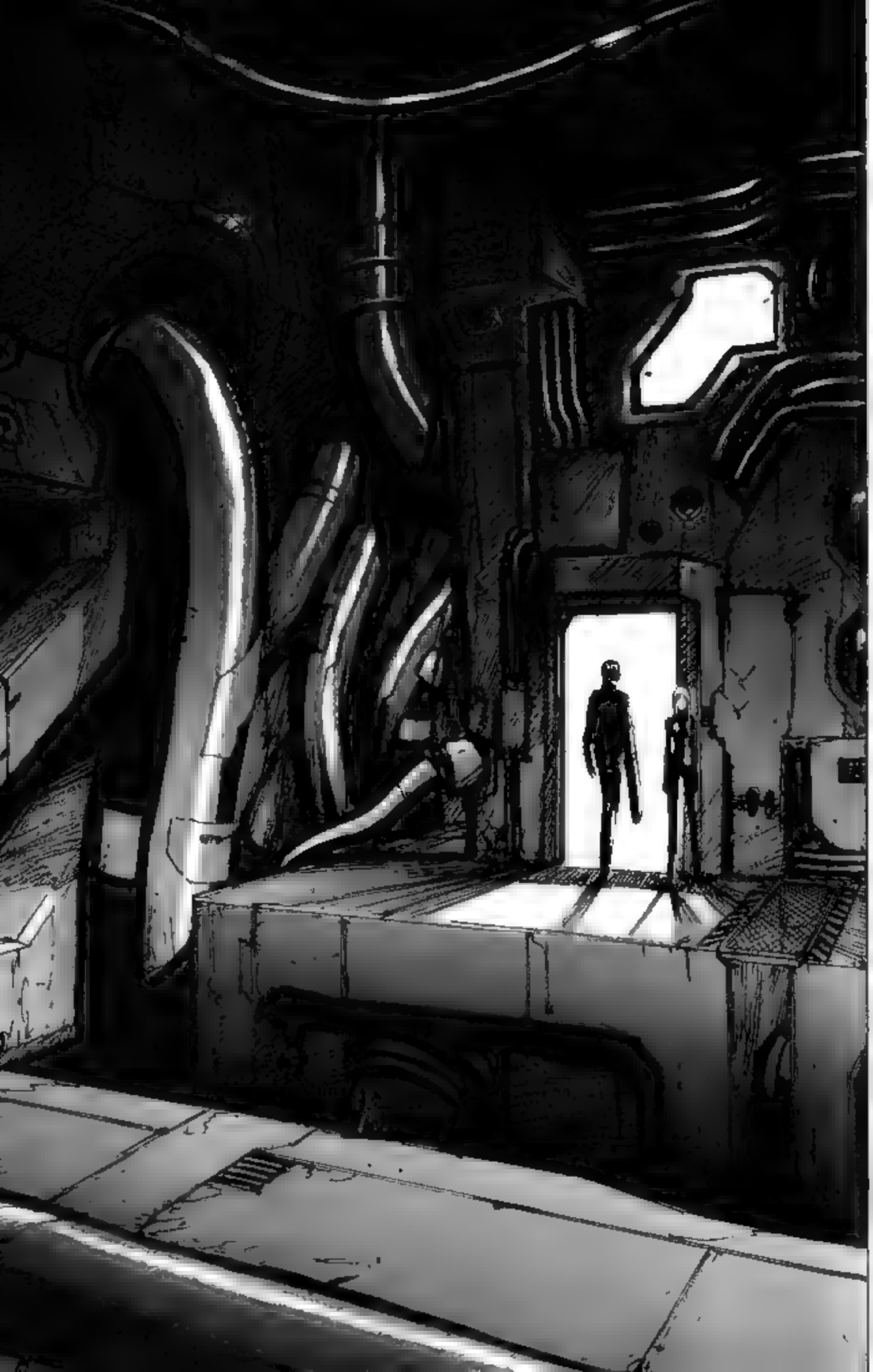

I WILL PROTECT THE COLONISTS.



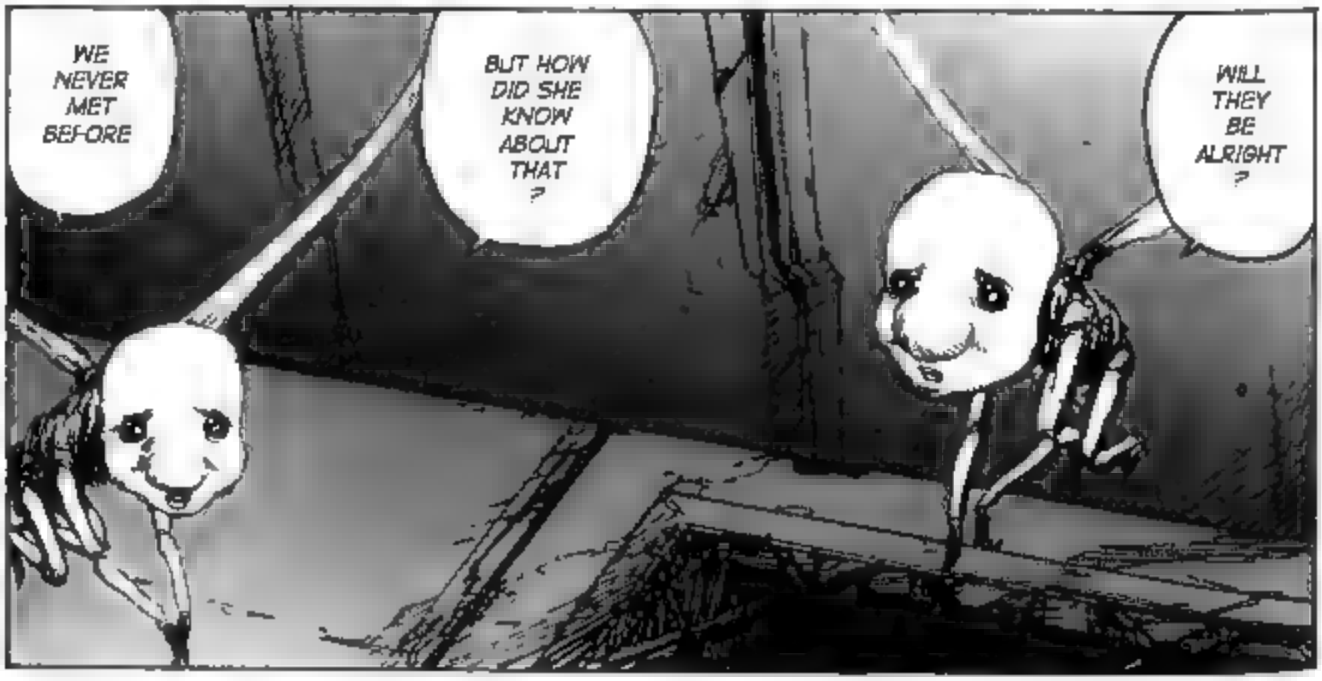
TELL US HOW TO GET TO CAVE 13.

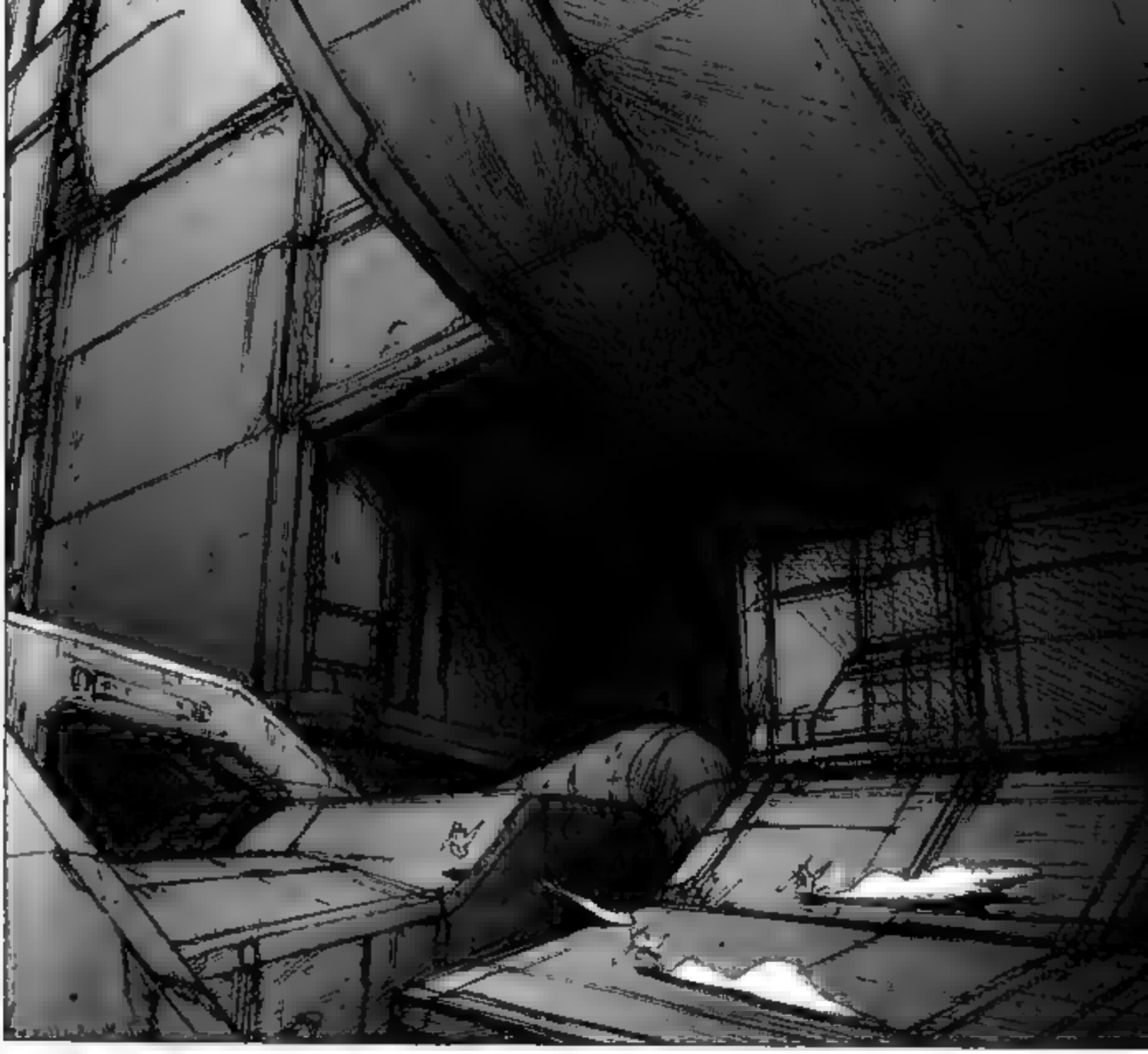
HEY, YOU GUYS !

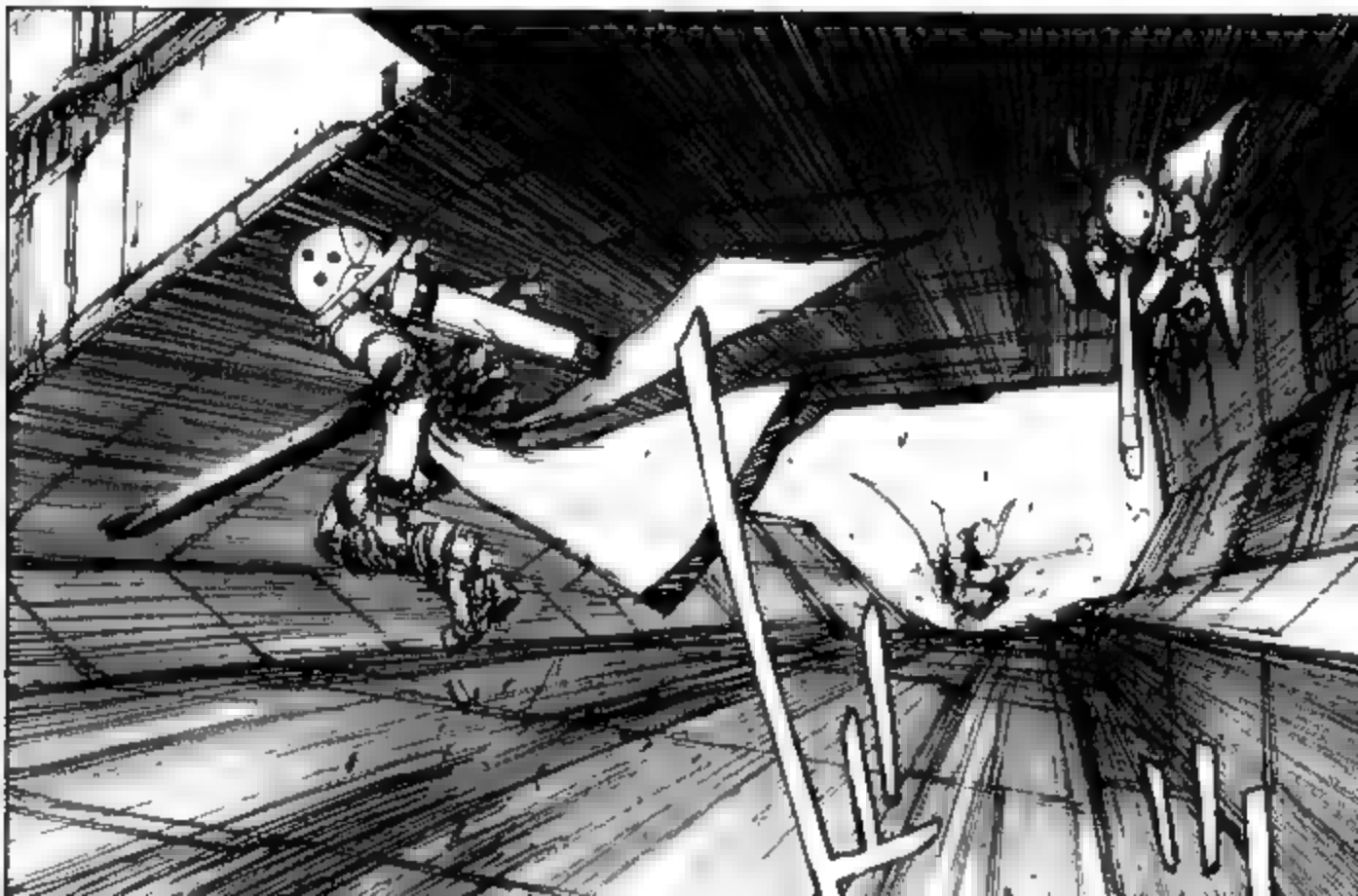


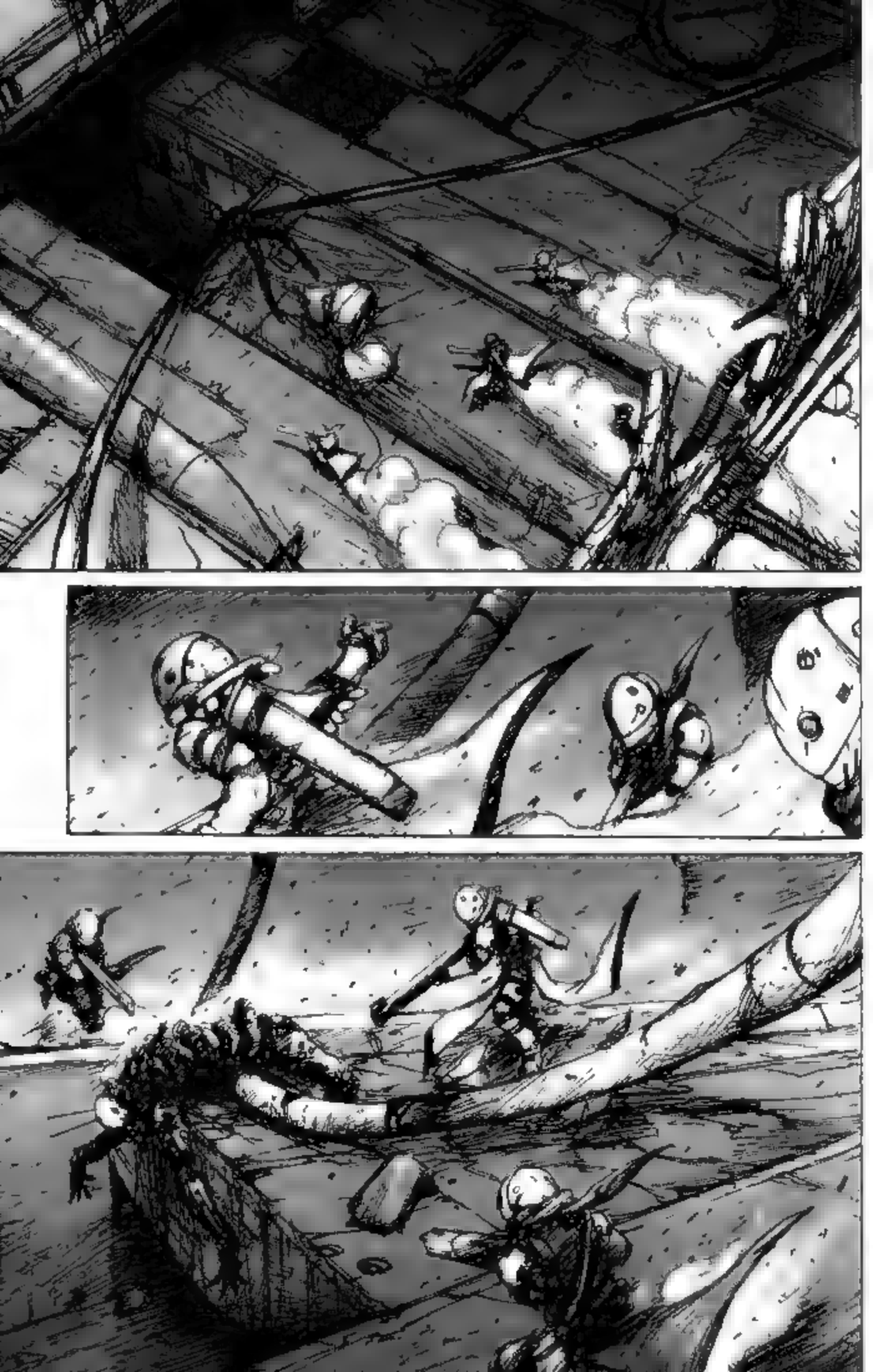


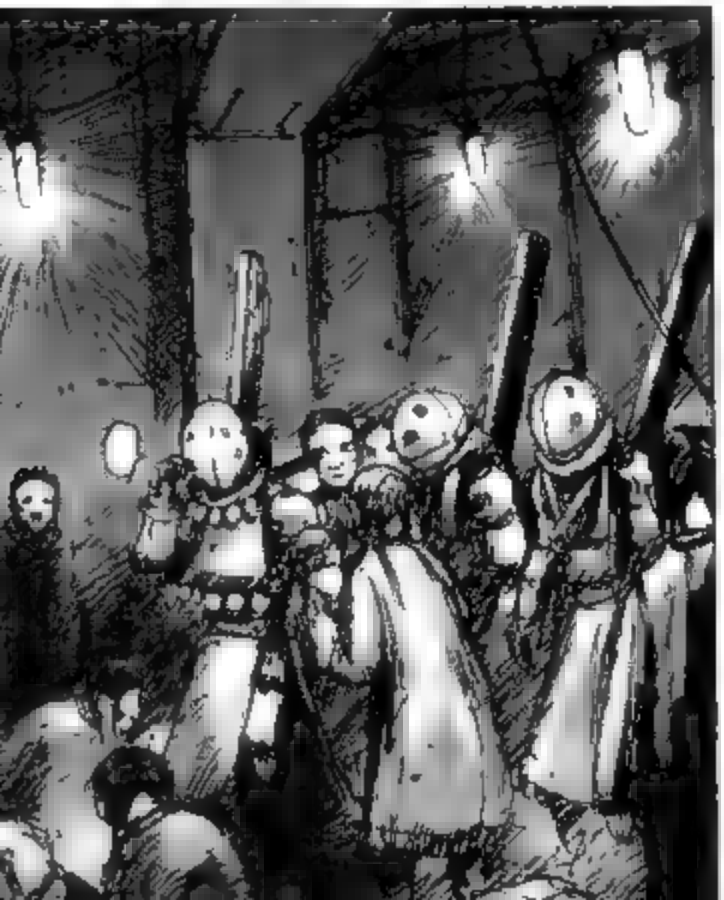
I WISH WE DIDN'T HAVE TO STAY
IF WE LEFT CAVE 8, WE'D DIE
THANK YOU. WE'LL GO ALONE FROM HERE.
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING.
I KNOW
KSHHH


WE NEVER MET BEFORE
BUT HOW DID SHE KNOW ABOUT THAT ?
WILL THEY BE ALRIGHT ?









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HOW'D IT GO ?

WE REALLY HAVE BEEN SENT SOME-PLACE ELSE
REALLY ..
IT LOOKS LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PLACE FROM WHERE WE CAME IN.
SIMPLY PUT, WE DON'T KNOW.
WE KILLED SOMETHING RESEMBLING THE SAFEGUARD
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THERE ARE ENEMIES HERE.

LET'S KILL THEM !

THOSE ARE THE BOLTS THE FISHER-MEN USE.
THE ONES WHO RETURNED FROM THE OUTSIDE.

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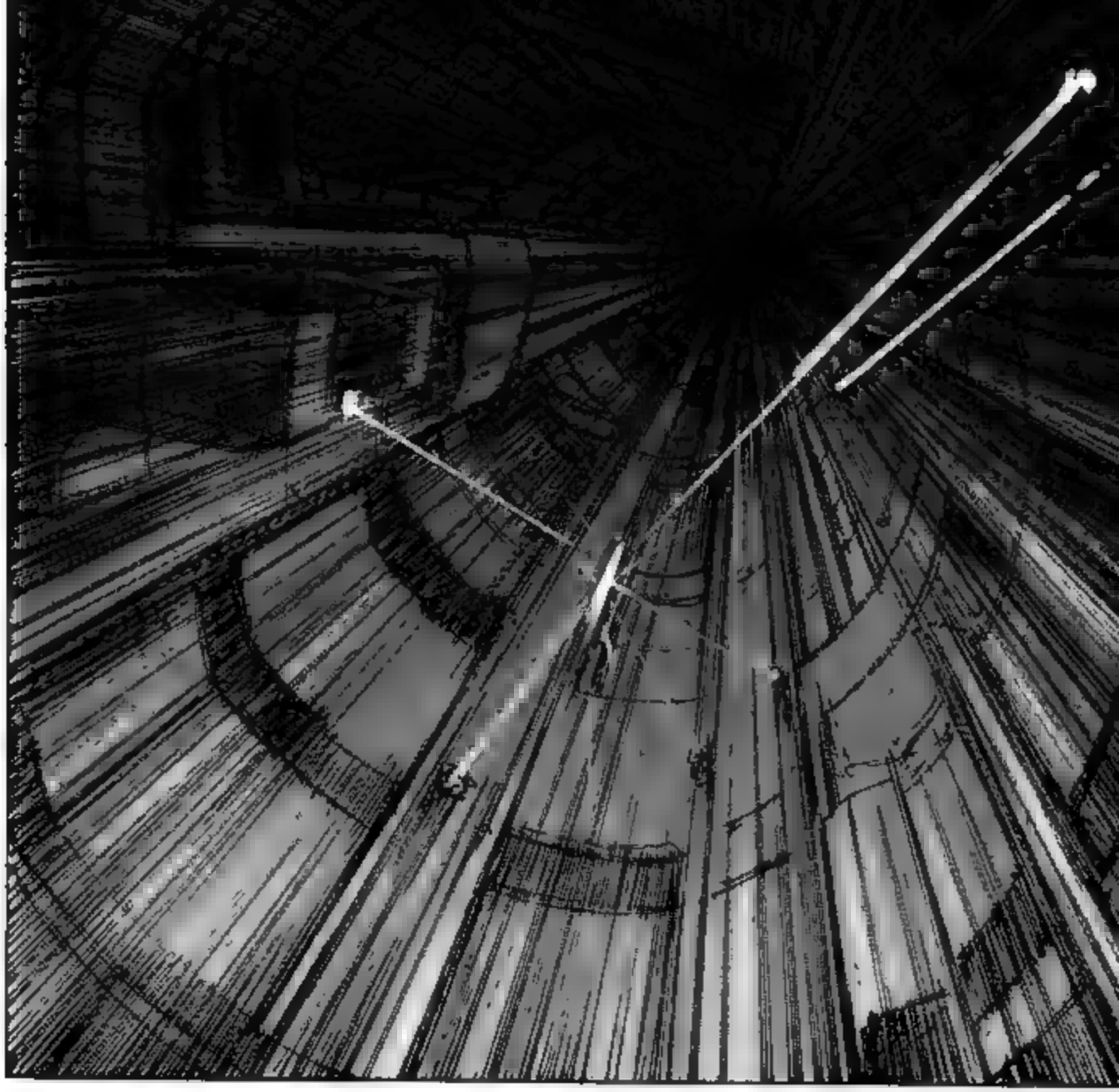

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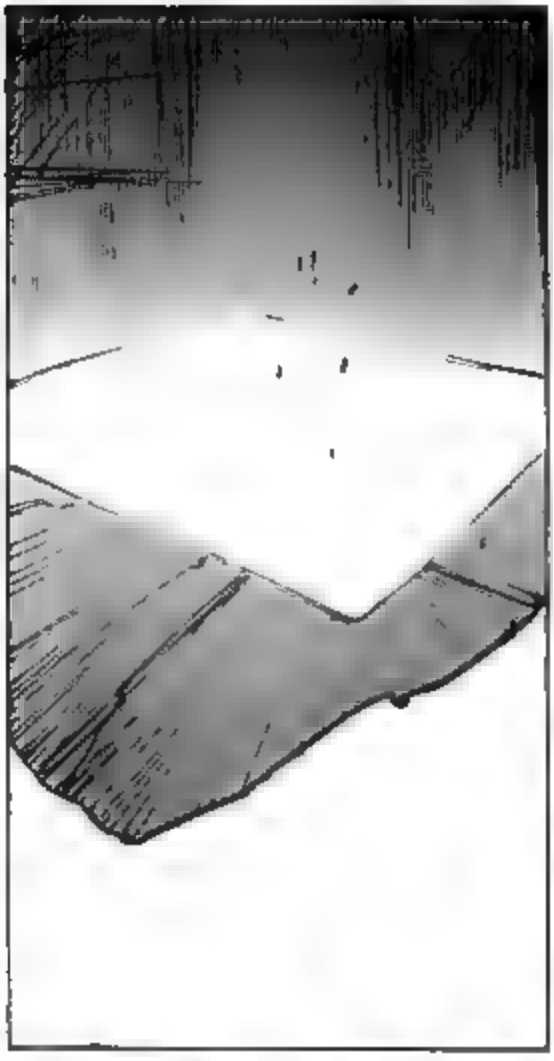
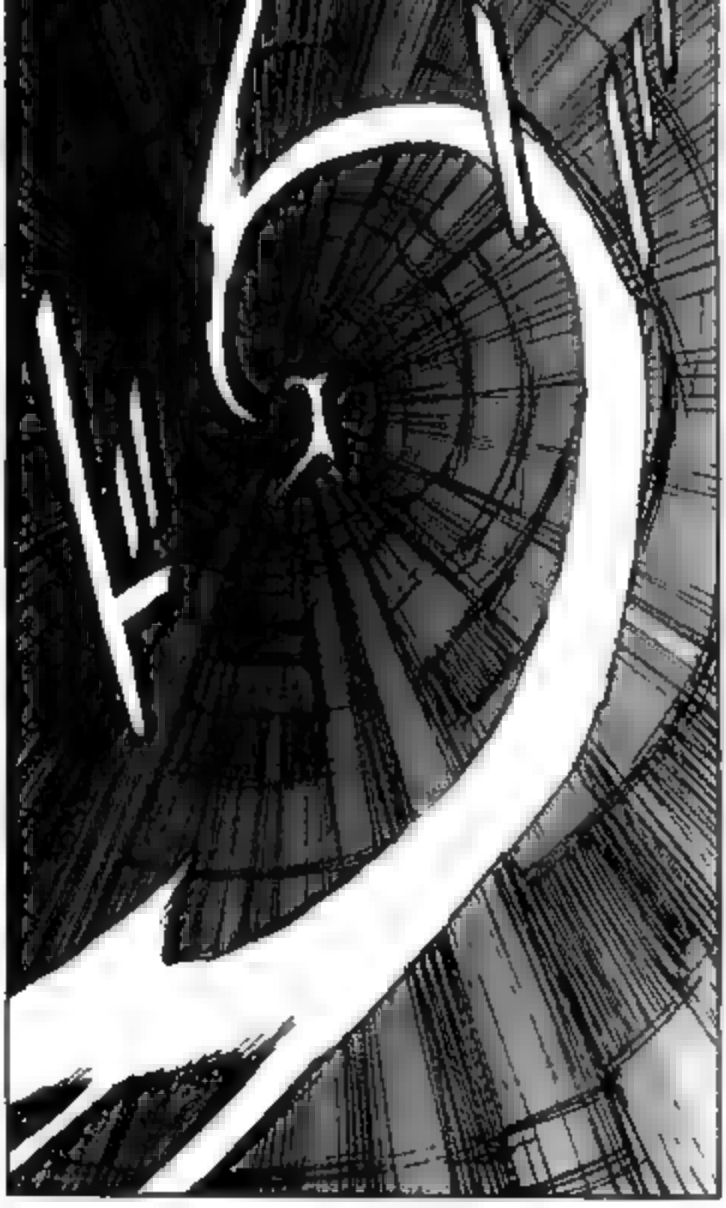
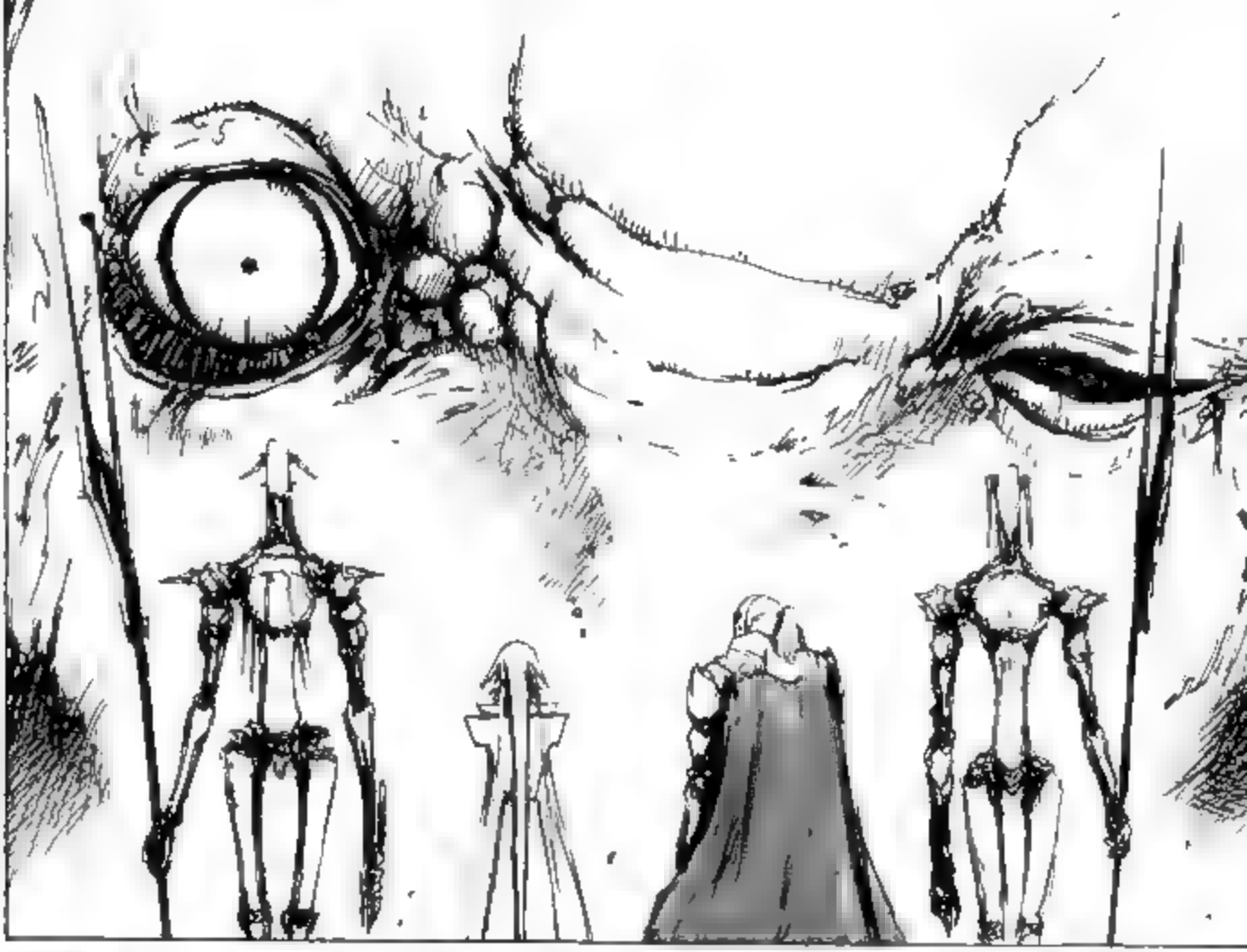
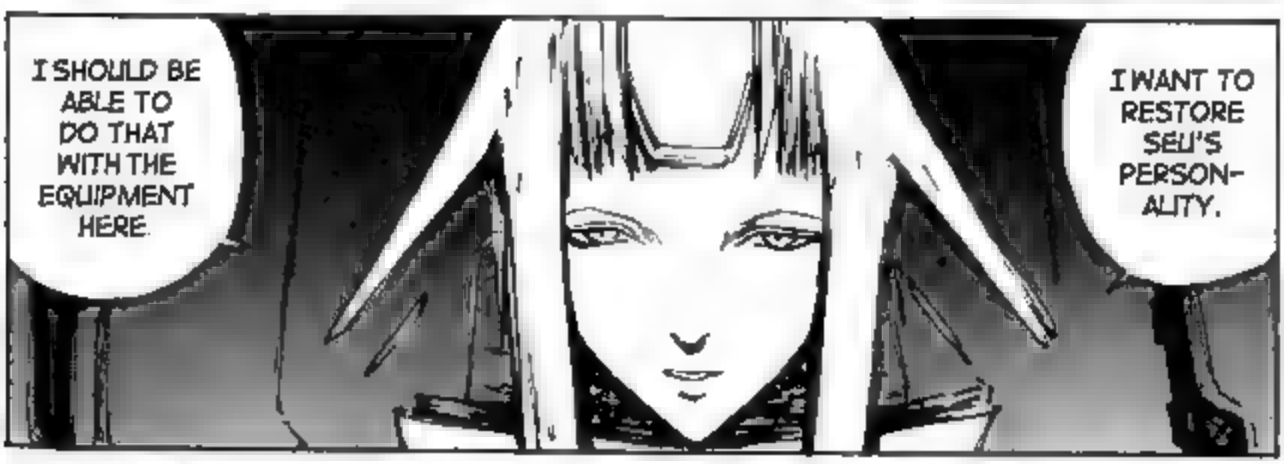






WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MENSAB? THIS IS NOT YOUR MANAGEMENT SPHERE.

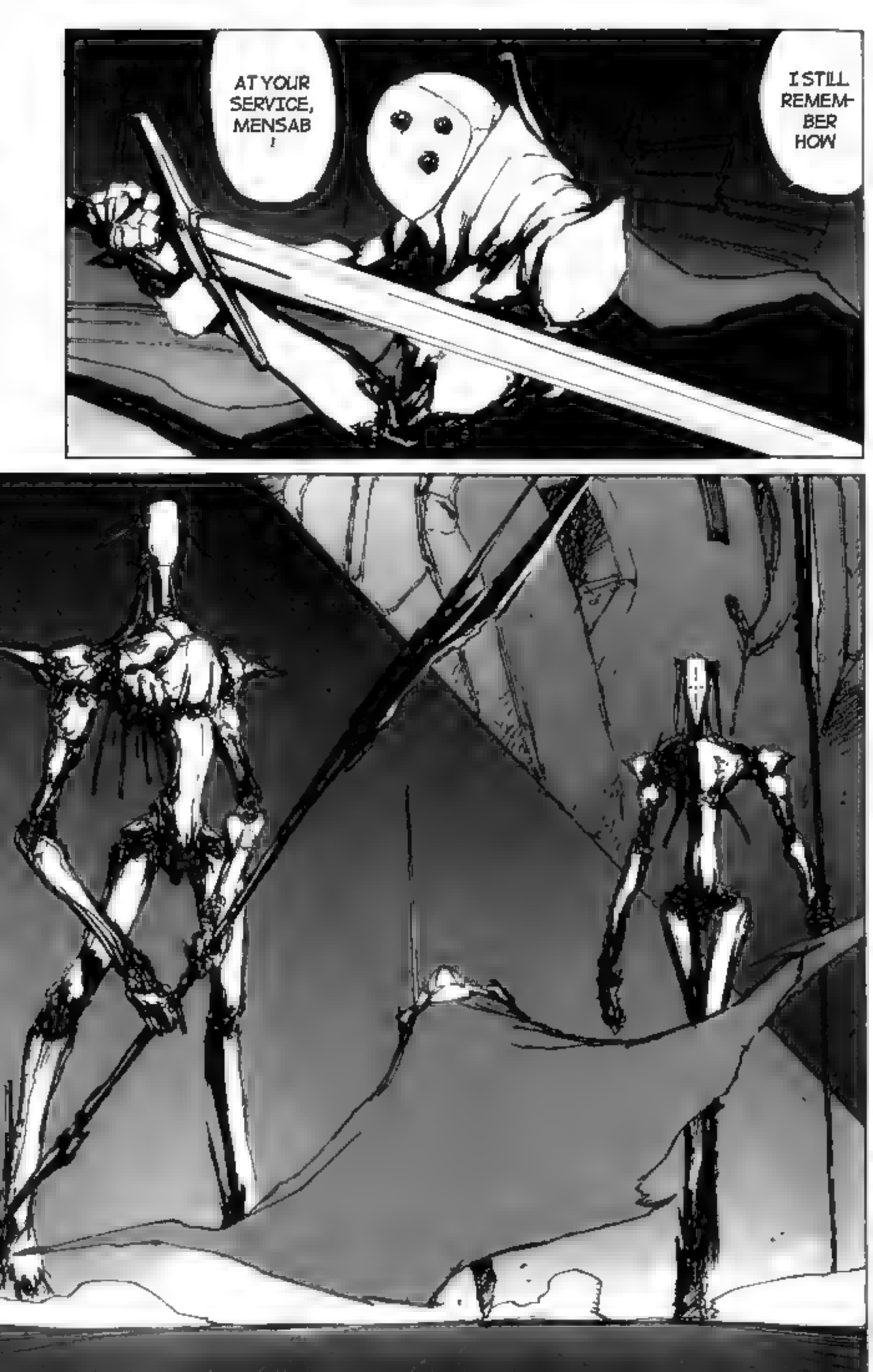

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH THE EQUIPMENT HERE.
I WANT TO RESTORE SEU'S PERSON-ALITY.

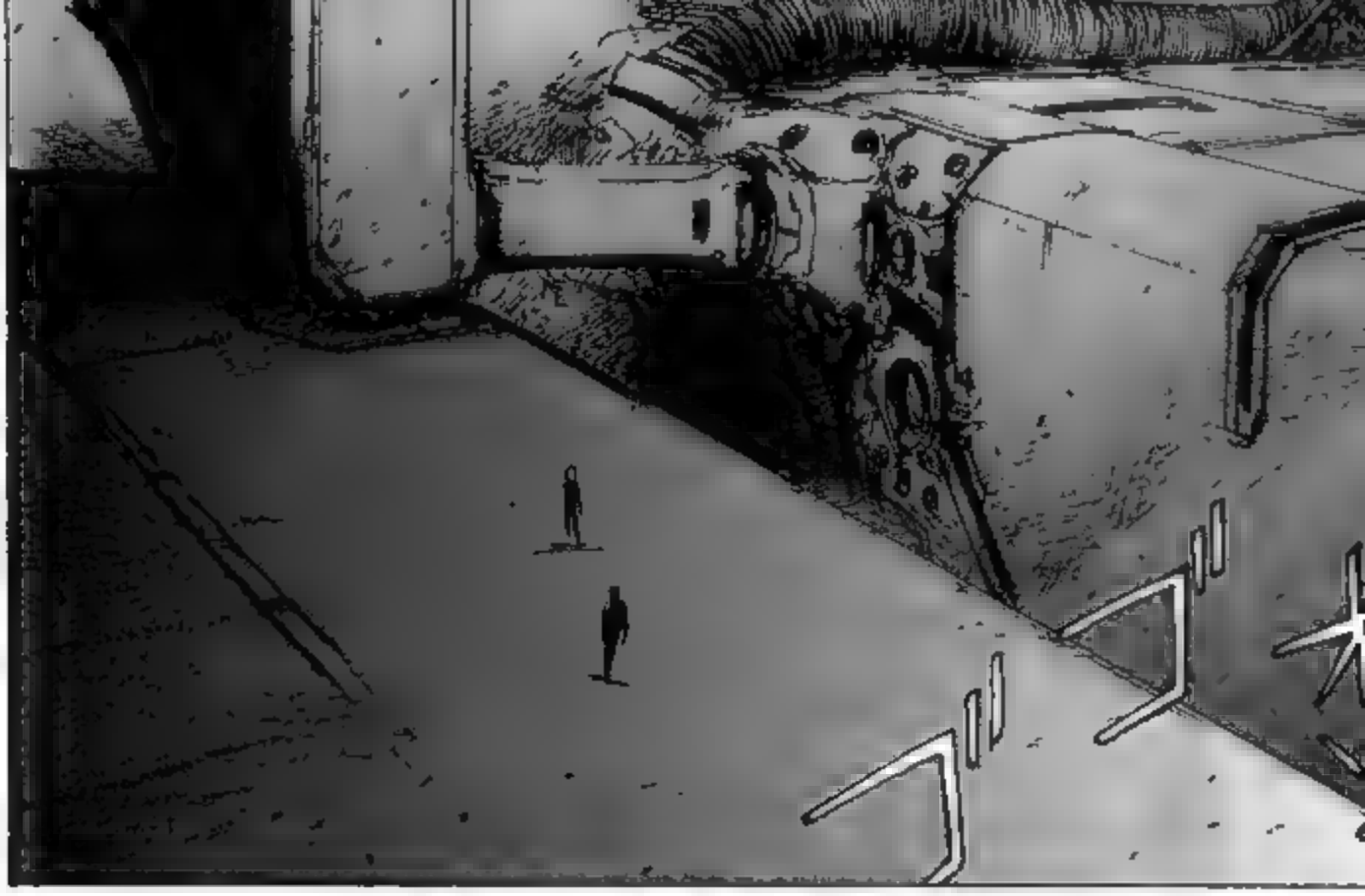
ONLY I SUCCEEDED AT EVACUATING THE RESIDENTS !
WHY ?
YOU'VE BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE SHIP COL-LECTIVE AI.
IMPOS-SIBLE.
THEY WILL AWAKE WHEN THEY'VE ARRIVED SAFELY IN A NEW LAND.
WE HAVE PROTECTED THE RESIDENTS YOU SENT FROM CAVE NUMBER 8.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?

THE NORMALI-ZATION OF THE GRAVITY FURNACE IS COMPLETE.
TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES WILL DEPART AGAIN.

I HAVE NO CHOICE. SEU, YOU MAY BEGIN.

YOU CAN LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE AND RETURN QUIETLY TO CAVE 8, OR YOU CAN BE ERASED.
YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES


AT YOUR SERVICE, MENSAB !
I STILL REMEMBER HOW



ARE ZURU AND THE OTHERS REALLY IN CAVE 13 ?

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IF THEY ARE, WE'D BETTER FIND THEM IN A HURRY

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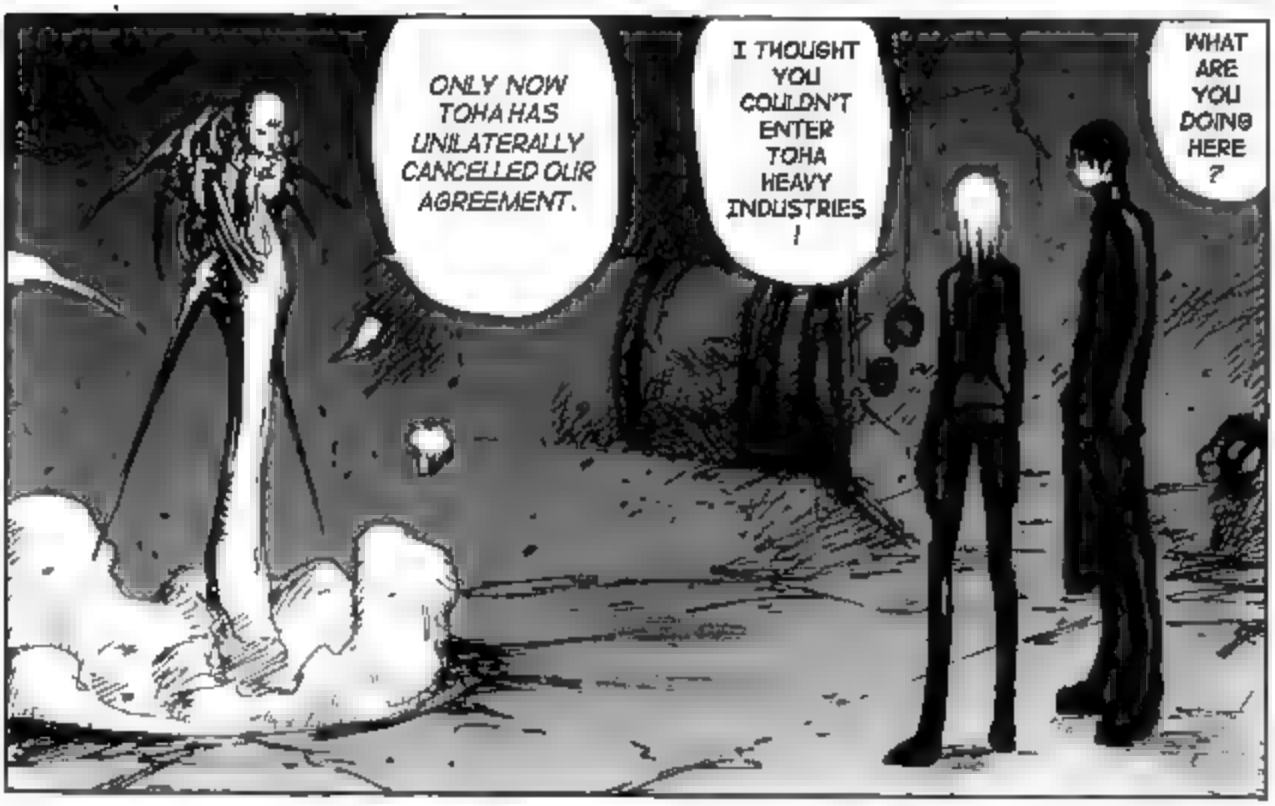
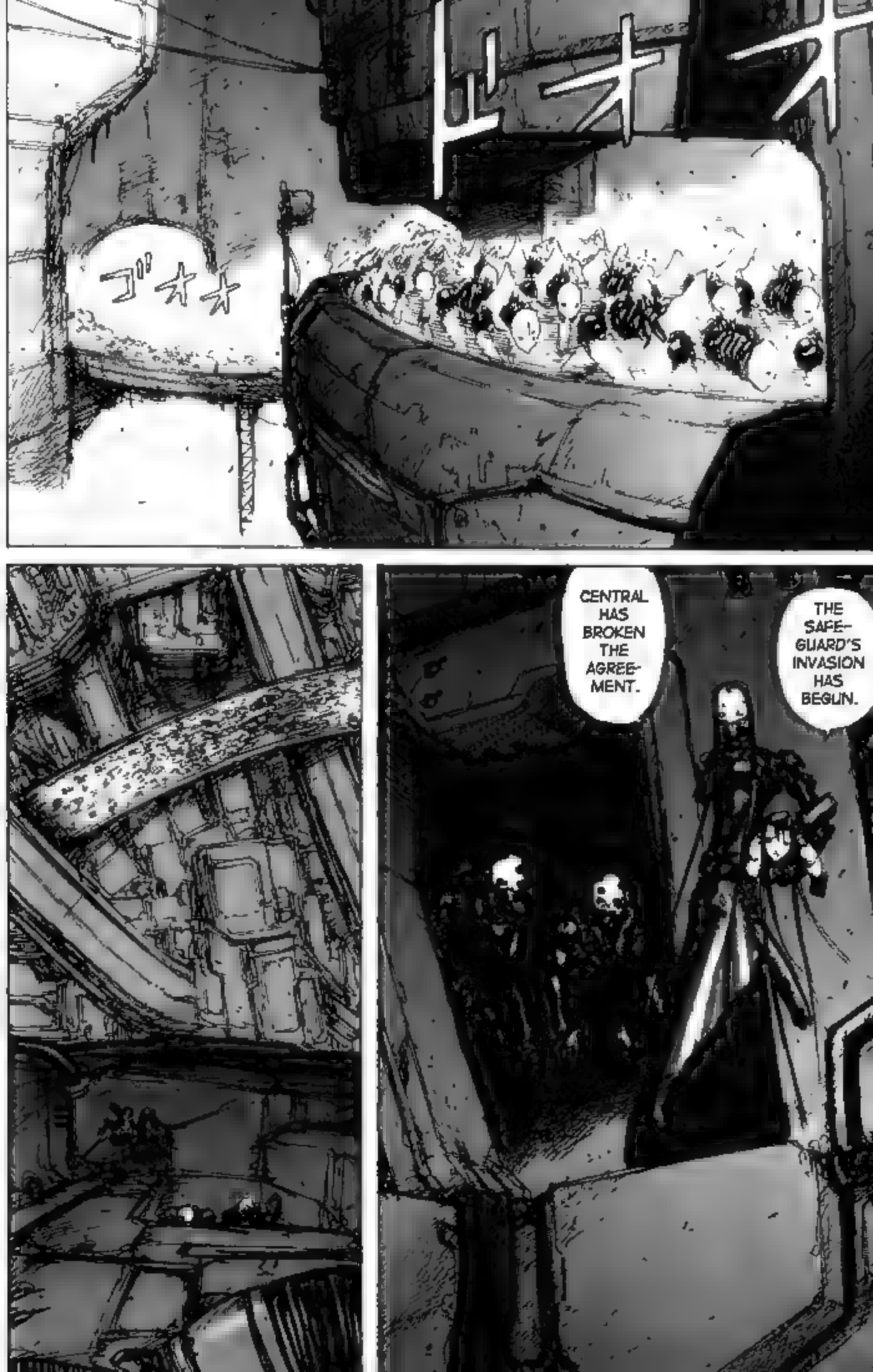

ONLY NOW TOHA HAS UNILATERALLY CANCELLED OUR AGREEMENT.
I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T ENTER TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES !
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?

AN ATTEMPT AT THIS LOW LEVEL WILL HAVE MANY HIDDEN POSSIBILITIES FOR ERROR.
THE CENTRAL AI HAS IGNORED ALL OUR WARNINGS AND HAS BEGUN MOVING TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION.

THEY INTEND TO STOP THE CENTRAL AI
THERE IS NO TIME THE SAFEGAURD HAS ALREADY BEGUN INVADING TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?
THE SAFEGUARD !!
. YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER NET TERMINAL GENES DO EXIST HERE.
IF YOU DON'T CONNECT TO THE CENTRAL AI BEFORE THE SAFEGAURD DOES .

THIS COMMUNI-CATION IS OVER
I AM A MERE AGENT WITH NO CAPACITY
SINCE MY CONCIOUSNESS BECAME CLEAR, SANAKAN HAS NEVER REAPPEARED
IT'S ALRIGHT DURING MY 10 YEARS IN CAVE 4, I OPENED UP THE DEEP PARTS OF SANAKAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS

ANYHOW, WE HAVE TO GO TO THE CENTRAL AI
AT THE BASE OF THAT AXIS.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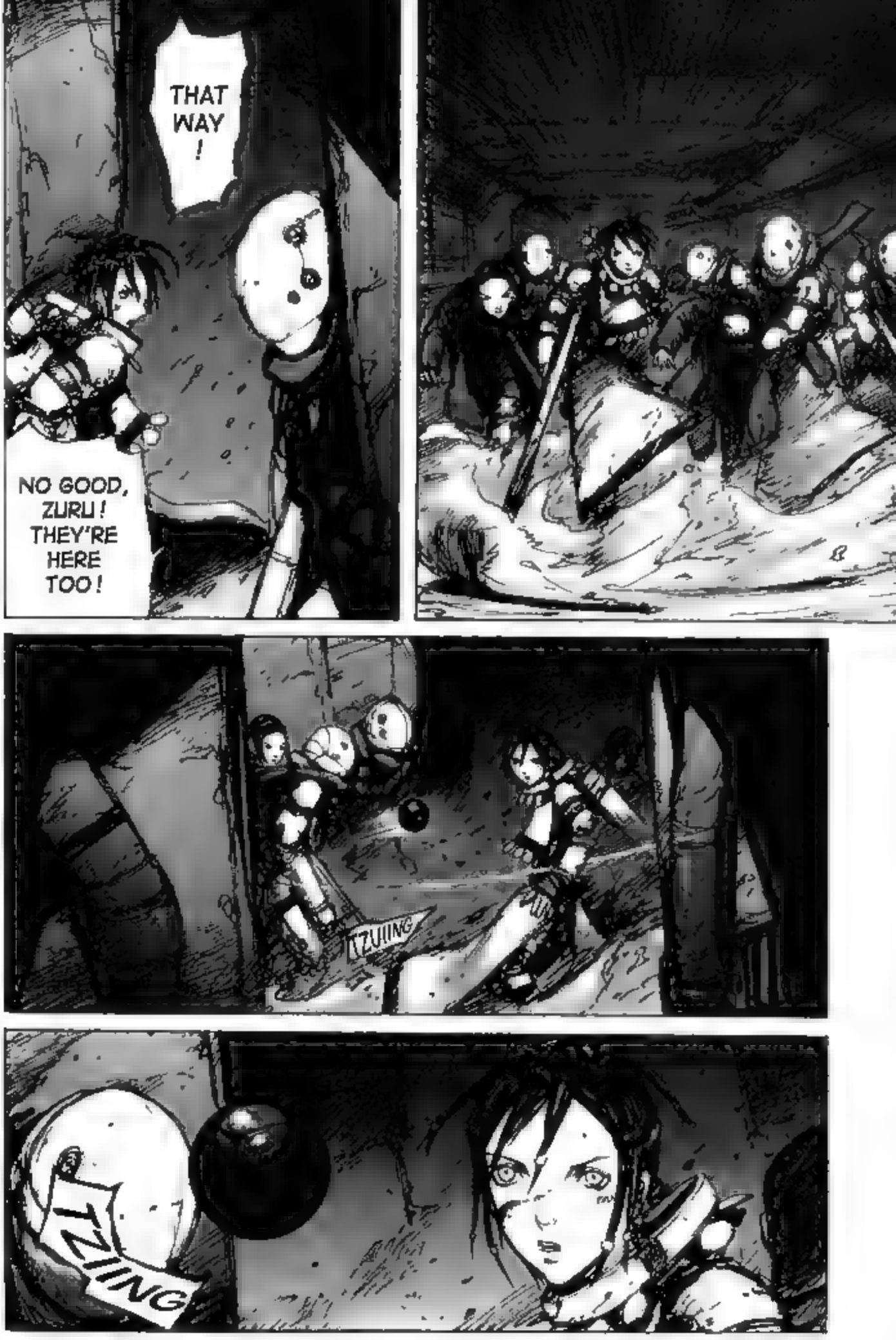
CENTRAL HAS BROKEN THE AGREE-MENT.
THE SAFE-GUARD'S INVASION HAS BEGUN.


THAT WAY !
NO GOOD, ZURU ! THEY'RE HERE TOO !
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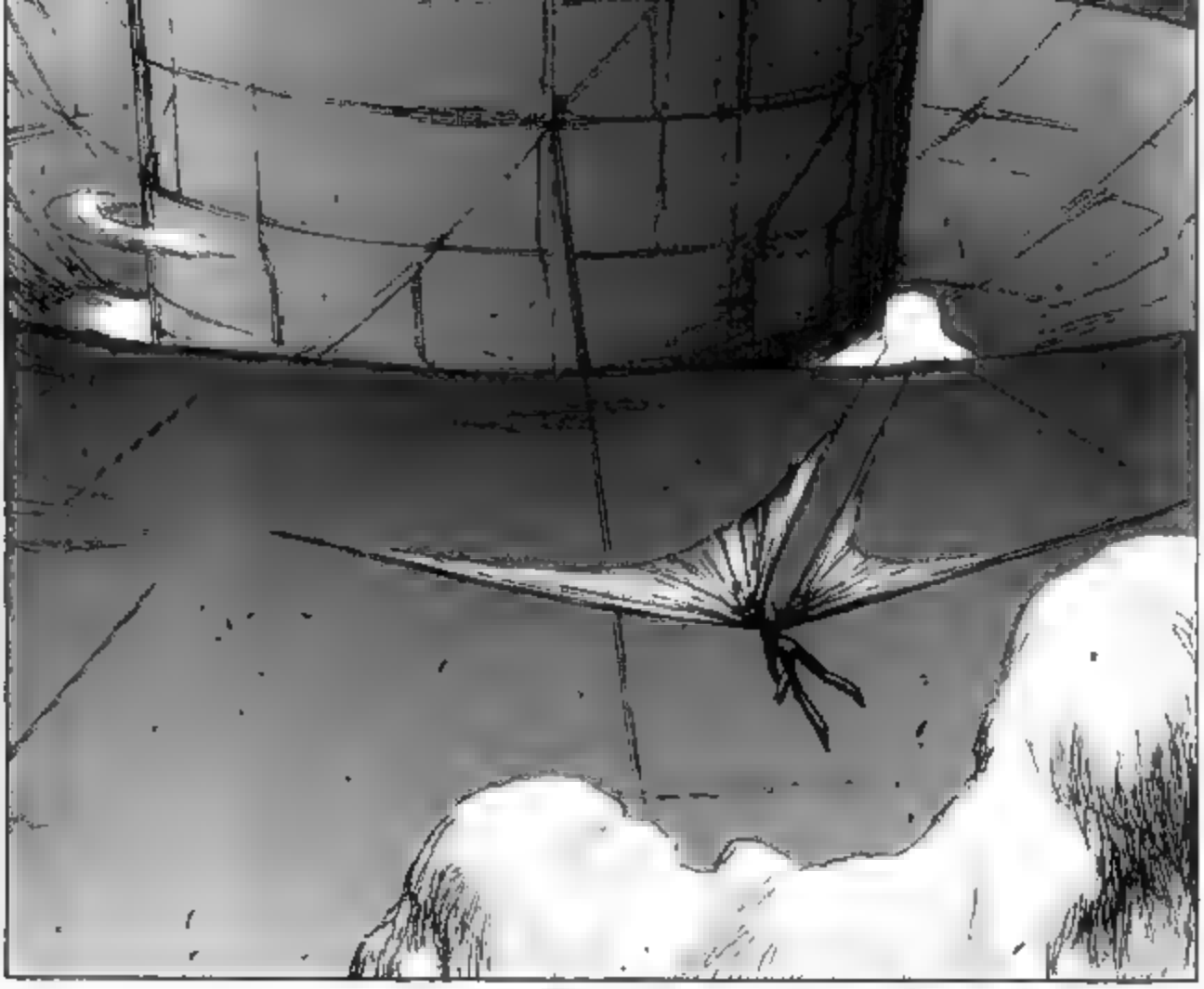

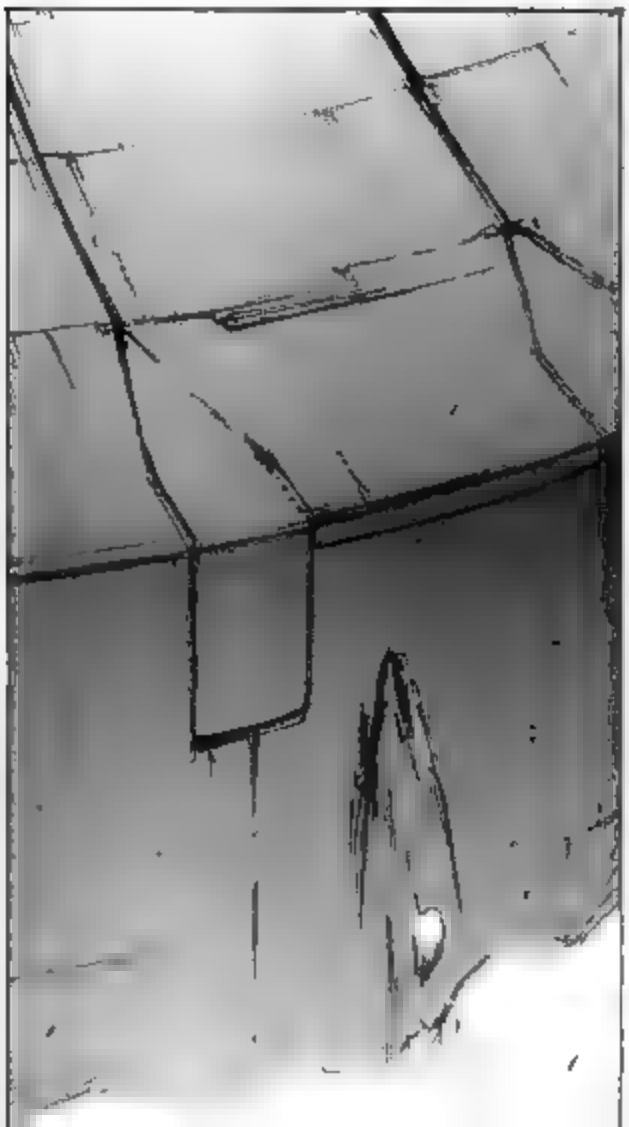

IF WE DON'T PERSUADE THE CENTRAL AI TO RESTORE THE TREATY..
, THE SAFEGUARD INVADERS WILL FIND ZURU AND THE OTHERS.

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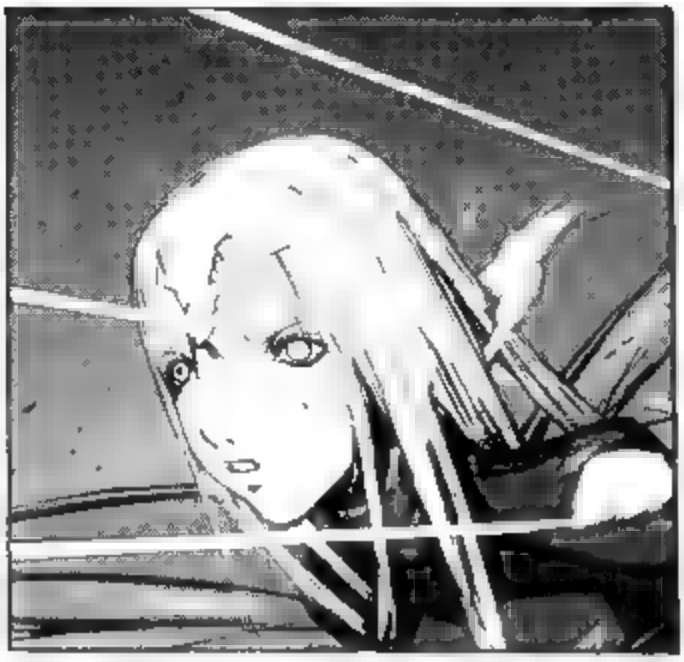

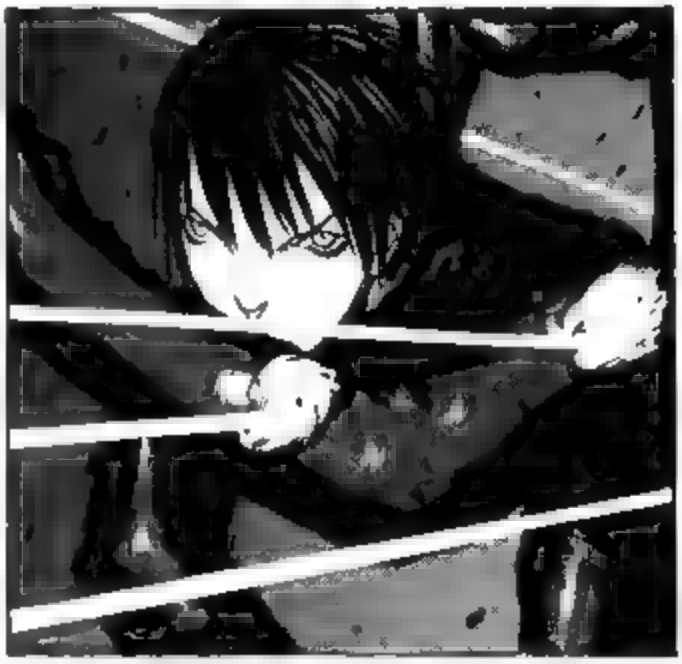

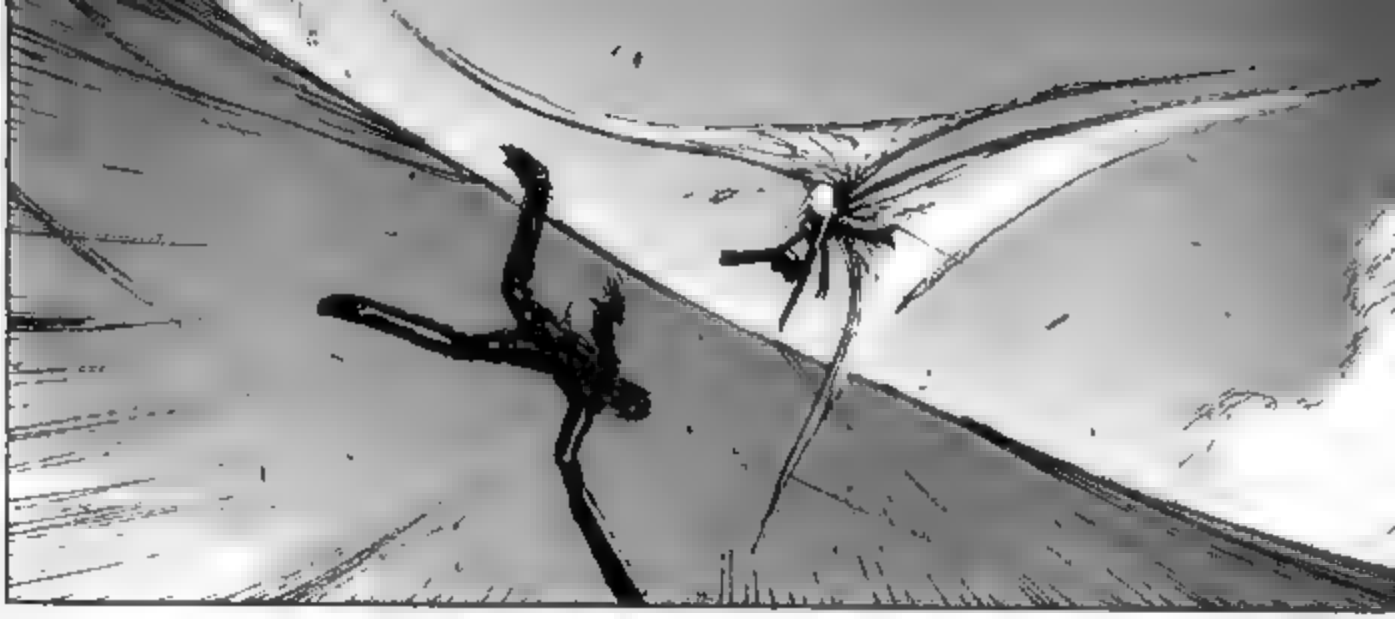

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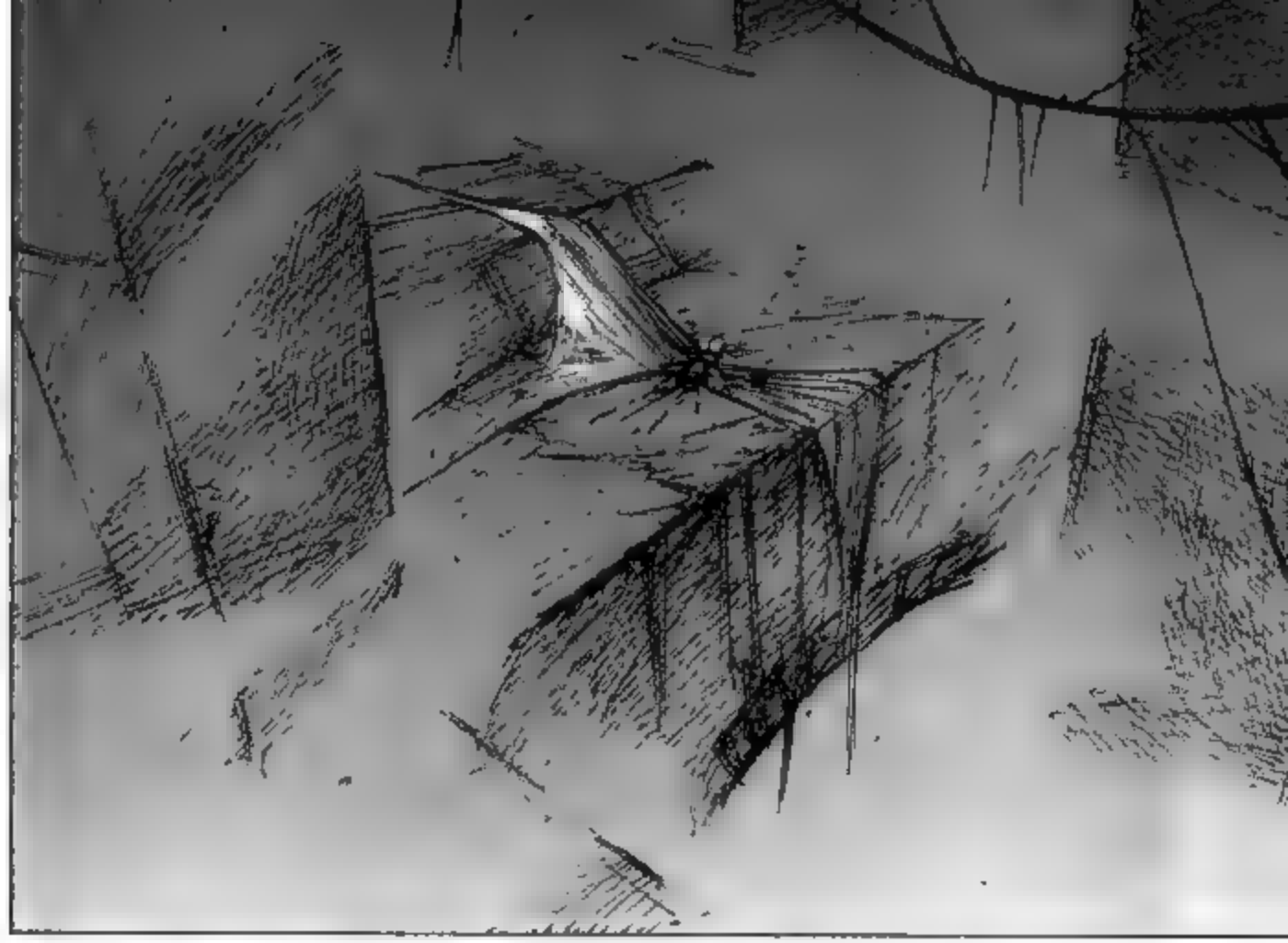

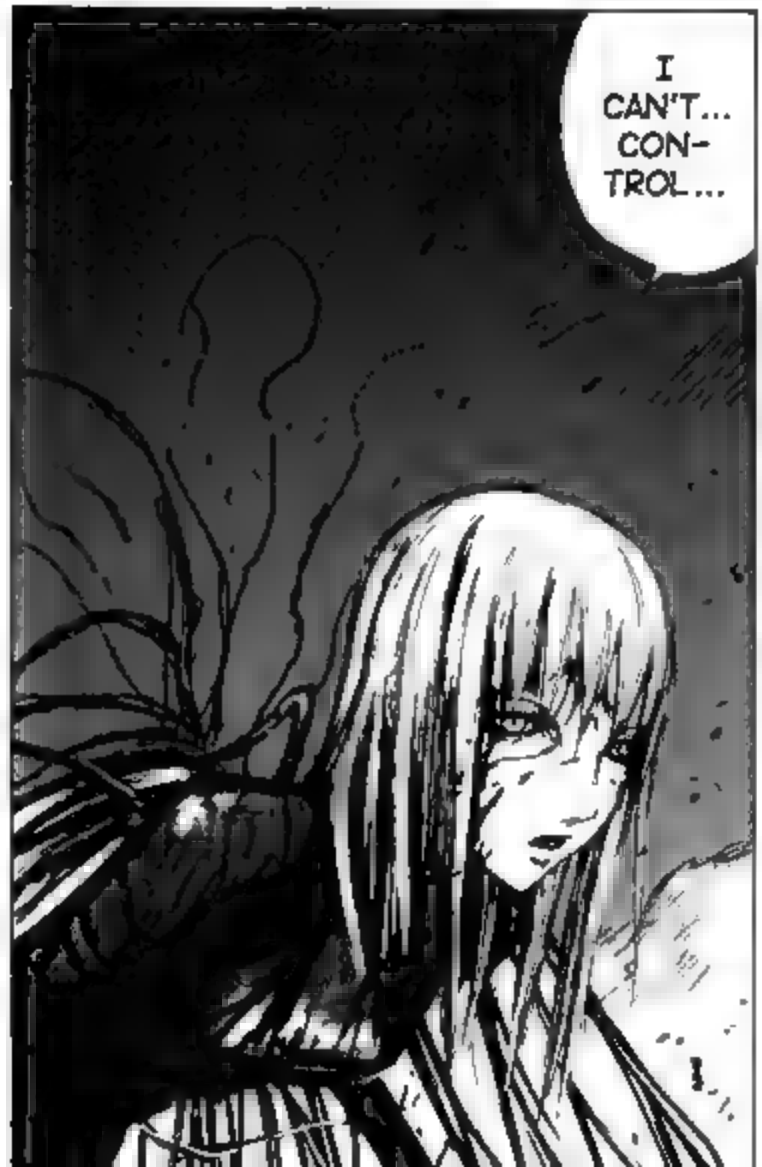
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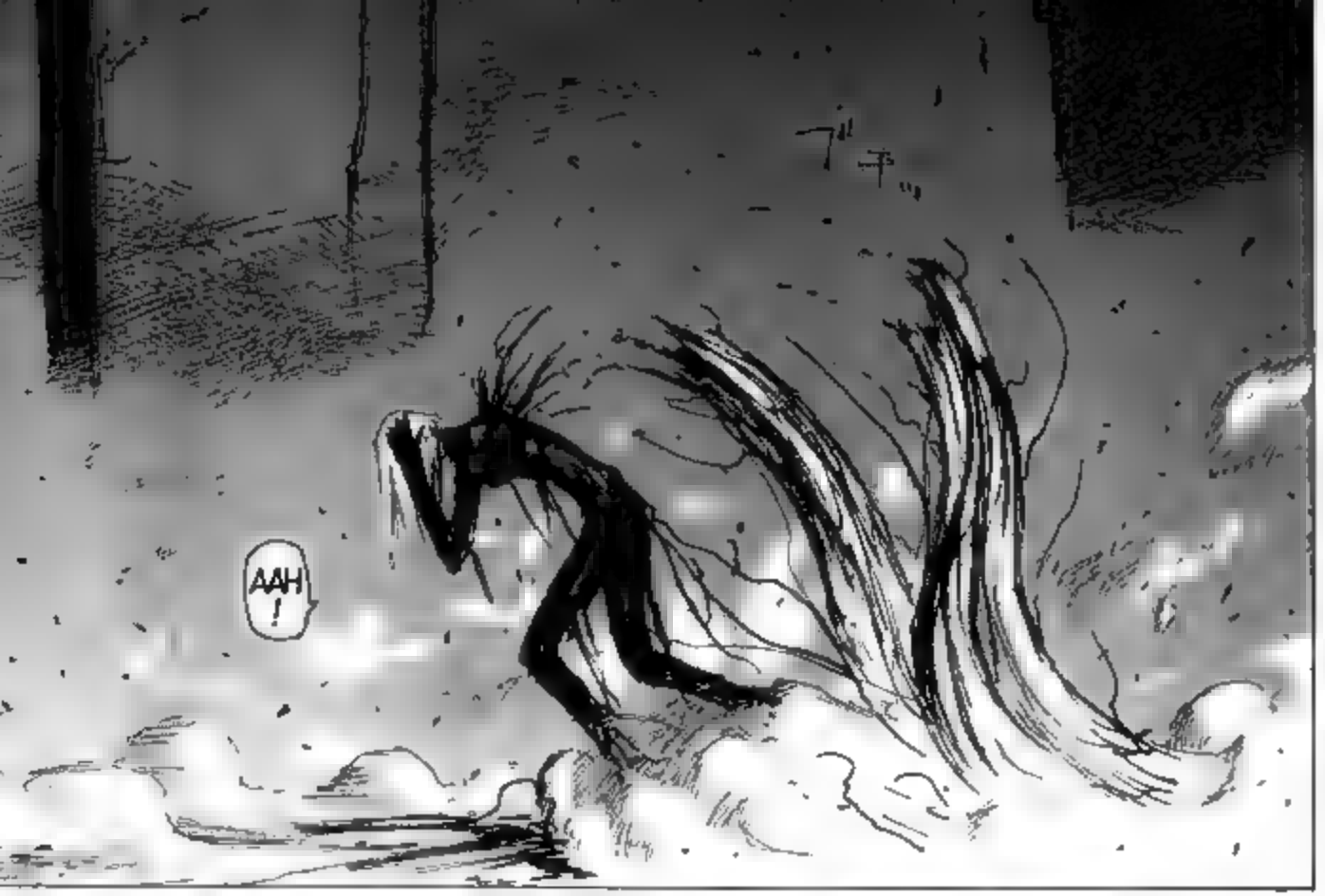
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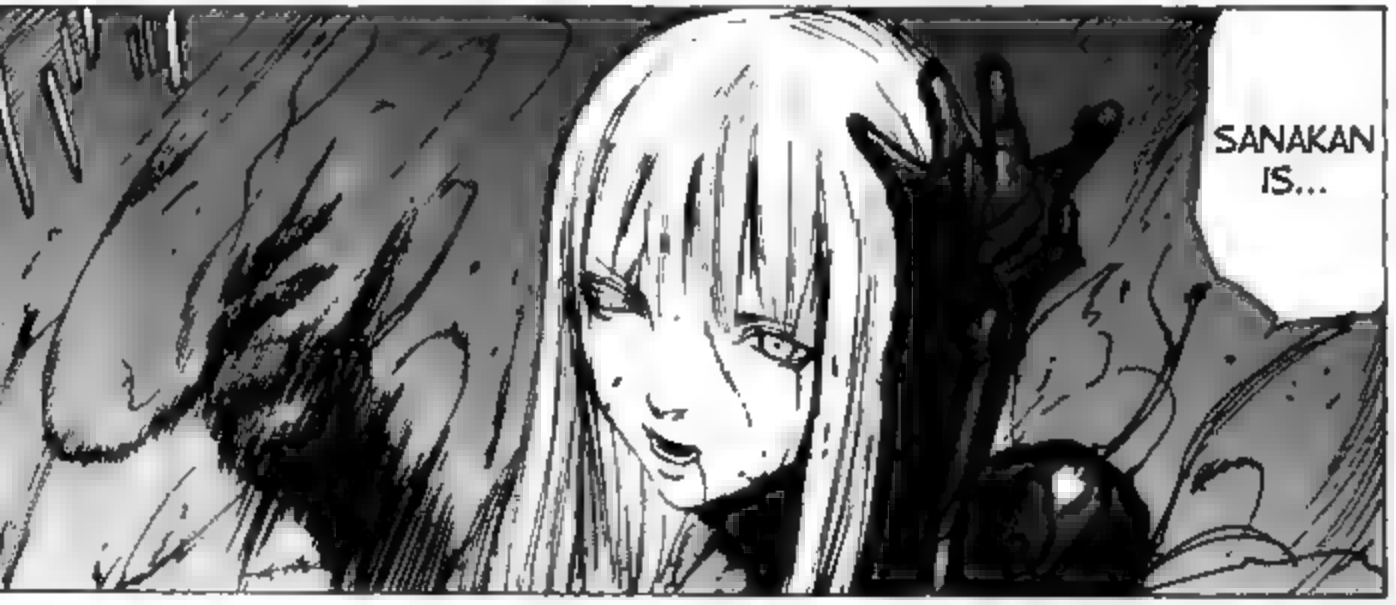
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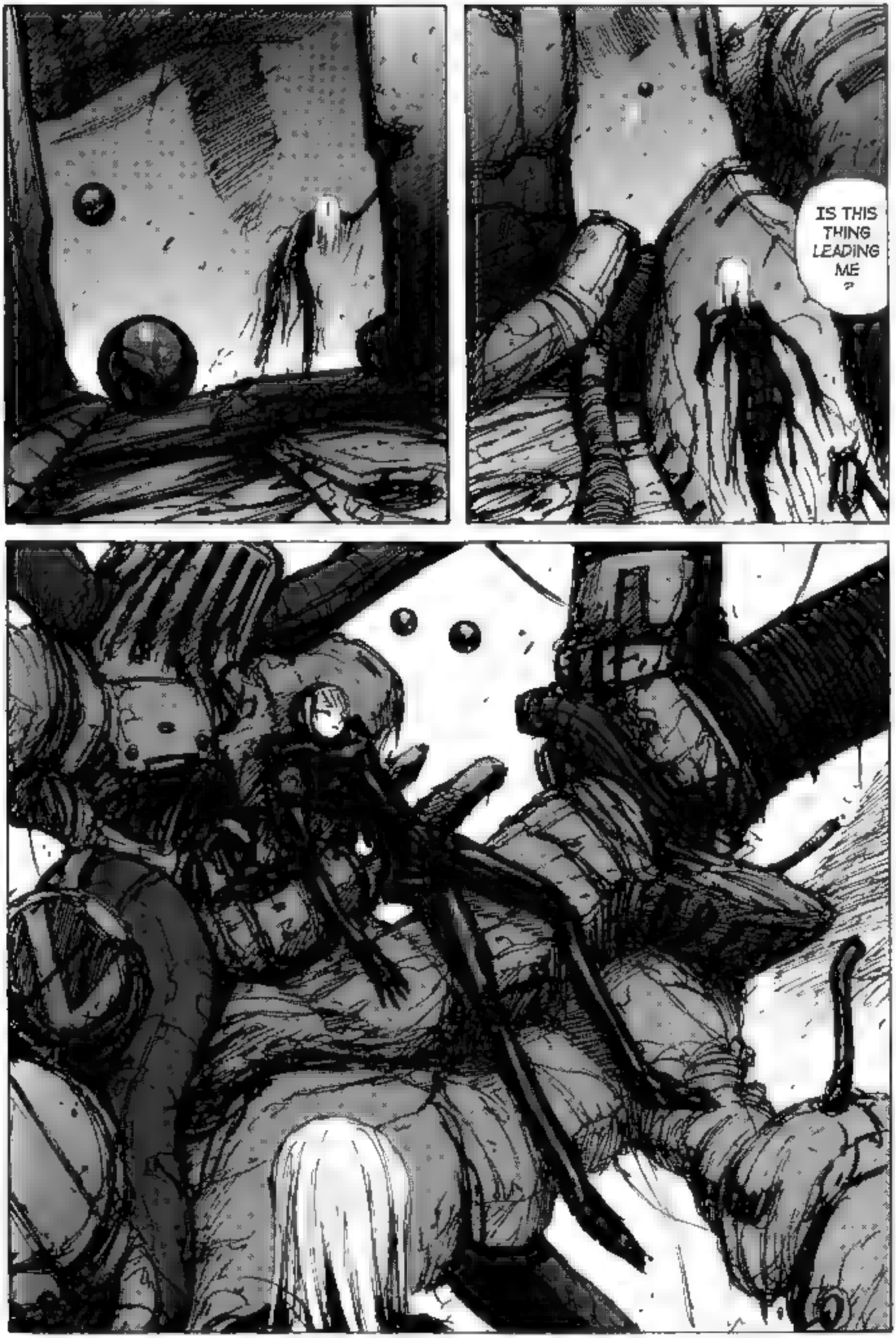
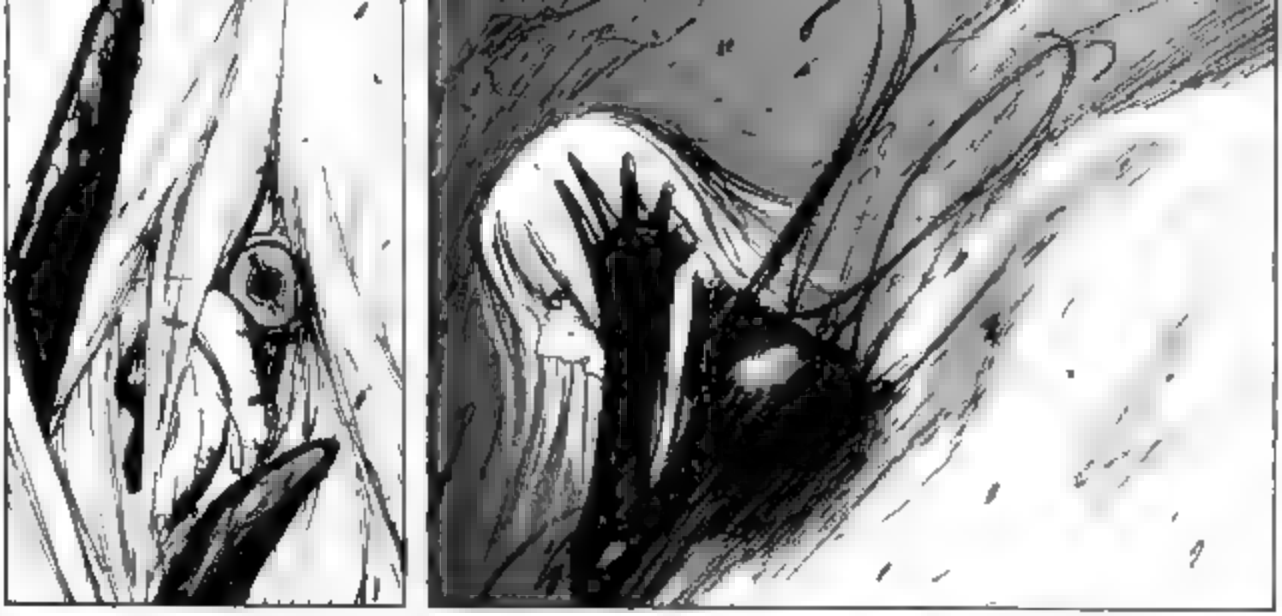

IS THIS THING LEADING ME ?

TZU!!!!!!
SHE'S DEAD ...
IT'S... OVER...



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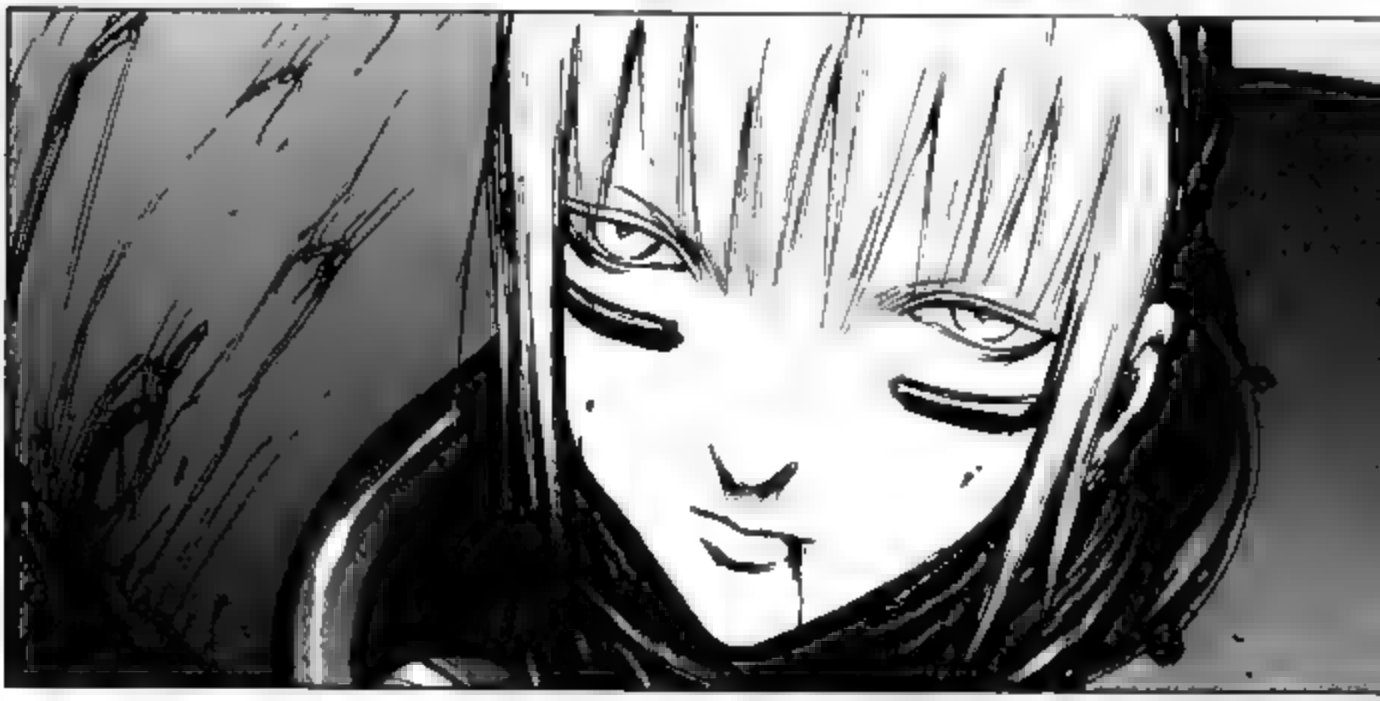

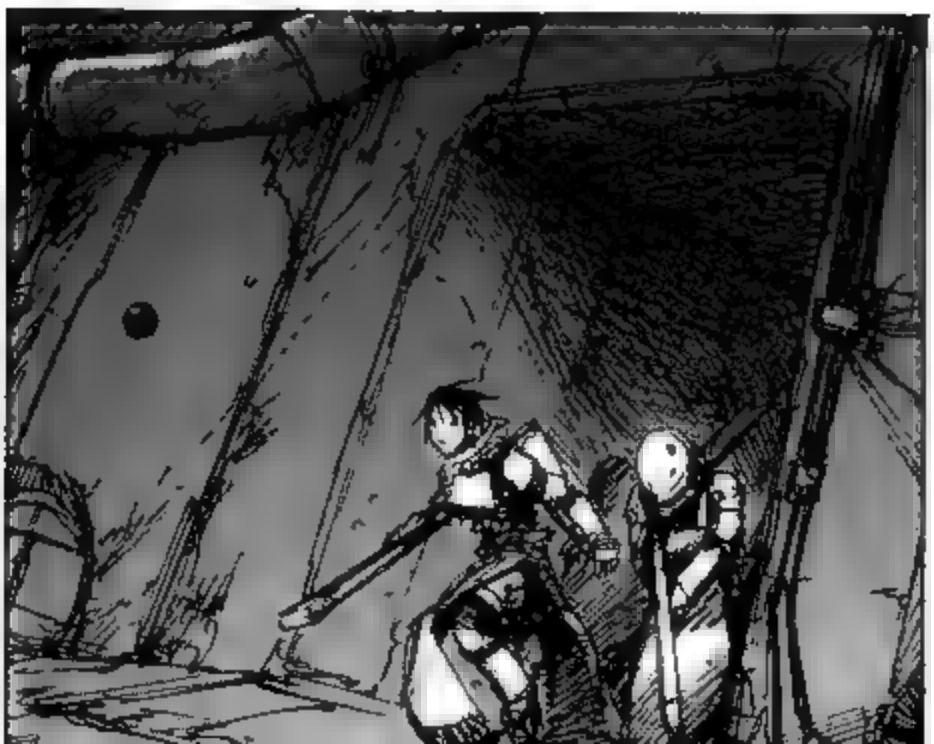

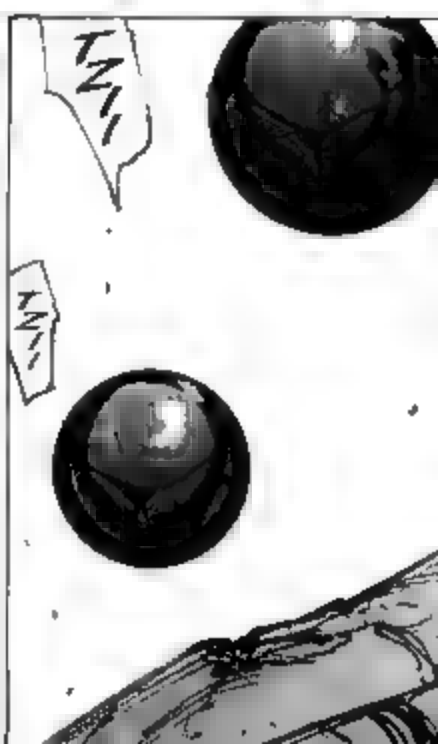
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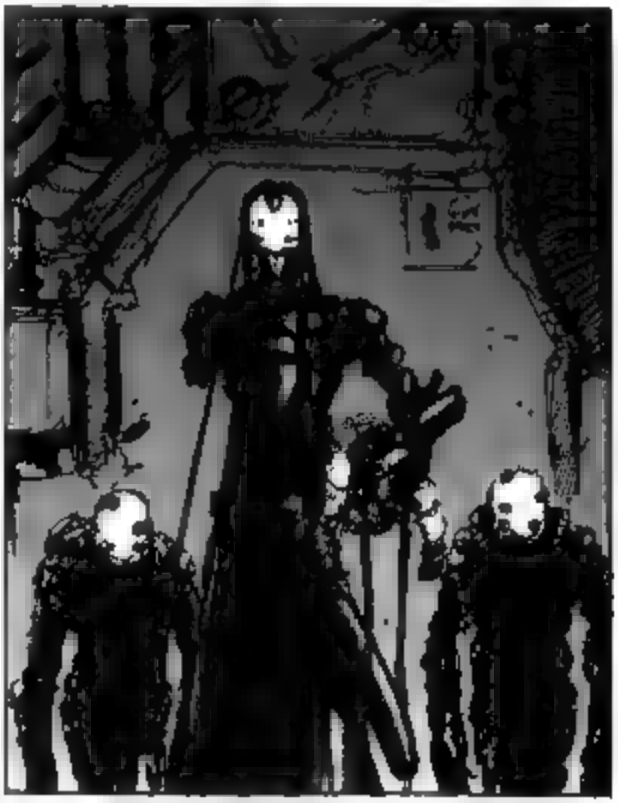


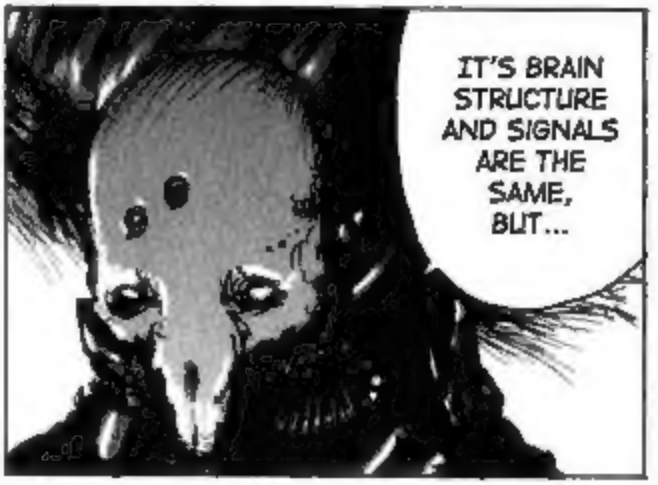
...IT SEEMS TO BE SILICON LIFE, LIKE US, BUT WE REALLY DON'T KNOW YET.
WE FOUND IT FUSED INTO A WALL IN AN EQUIPMENT AREA OF CAVE 13 . .
THAT ?

IT WAS DYING WHEN WE FOUND IT, BUT IT WAS TRANS-MUTING ELEMENTS FROM ITS SURROUNDINGS AND GRADUALLY RESTORING ITSELF.
THAT'S A CAPA-BILITY WE DON'T HAVE.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?

I WANT IT !
CAN IT BE GRAFTED ?

DO IT !


IT'S BRAIN STRUCTURE AND SIGNALS ARE THE SAME, BUT...

BLAME! 5 END